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RANK AND FILE REACH OUT TO NEW YORK; CHIEF SAYS NO!

by Don Lint

I'm sure many of you won't believe it, but the story you are about to read is true. On September 11, 2001, our country was attacked and thousands of innocent people lost their lives. Like all of you, I was in shock as I watched the events of that day unfold. And, I'm sure, also like you, I wanted to do something to help those in need. As I drove to work that sad morning, I contacted numerous people to find out if they could get a flight to New York in order to assist with the rescue efforts. But, as you probably remember, all flights were grounded. The one exception was military flights, which were transporting some firefighters to New York to assist in the rescue efforts. Yet, at this point in time, LAPD had done nothing and no officers were on their way.

I contacted the Chief's office at the Department to find out if they were planning to do anything. I was told, "We will send people to assess what happened at the appropriate time." I then asked if we could send people to help with the rescue efforts that week. The answer? "We are not going to do that unless we are asked." I was shocked and very disappointed that we were not even going to offer our assistance. At a time like this, who really expects anyone to stop to ask for assistance? They shouldn't have to.

With this belief in my head, I began contacting people in New York and eventually reached Capt. Jones from NYPD. She was working the Emergency Command Post for NYPD. I asked if they could use our help and she told me yes. I asked what kind of help would be the most useful and was told that they could use our Peer Counselors. At this time I was also contacted by Steve Silberman, who told me that Jet Blue

Airlines would give LAPD 10 round trip tickets to New York so that the officers could assist in the rescue efforts.

Armed with this information, I then went back to the Department and told them that NYPD would like us to send Peer Counselors and that our officers could fly free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Jet Blue. The Department said that they would not send anyone without a formal request. This was only the start of my frustrations.

Due to the Department's response, I contacted New York again and spoke with Chief Lewis, who was in charge of that command post. He told me that they could definitely use our Peer Counselors, but that getting an official request would be extremely difficult, since they would have to go through their Police Commission to get it. I passed this information along to Chief Gascon, who subsequently talked to Chief Parks. Again, I was denied the chance to send officers for help.

It was at this point that I became angry. I couldn't understand how the LAPD, one of the largest Police Departments in the country with incredible resources at its disposal, couldn't send 10 officers to help our fellow Americans and brother and sister officers in their time of need. For a moment, I was ashamed of our Chief - and then I decided to take action on my own. If the Chief and our Department could not for once be selfless and lend a helping hand to others, then I would find a way for the officers that so badly wanted to help to take action.

LAPPL Director Tim Sands contacted Alan Atkins at Police Memorial to see if they would be willing to help us out with sending some people to New York. They, of course, jumped all over the chance to assist and came to our aid

in what was becoming an increasingly complex trip.

Our next challenge was to find officers who were either on vacation, or had days off, who were willing to make the trip. This was key, because the Chief would not allow anyone to use vacation days or days off to go to New York to assist if they were not already scheduled for them. With time running short on LAPD's ability to make an impact on the rescue efforts, I was able to find a cadre of police officers and firefighters willing to go on their own time. I hold these brave people in the highest regard, beyond the obvious fact that they were putting their own lives in danger to aid in the rescue efforts and that they were

doing this on their own time, without pay. Due to this fact, they also ran an additional risk, because if they were to become injured, they were on their own.

For the final arrangements, I contacted my mother, who runs a travel agency in Michigan, and asked if she could find a hotel in New York that we could afford. After working on it for most of the day, she found a Holiday Inn in Midtown Manhattan that would give us the rooms free of charge. Finally, the preparations were finished, and our officers and firefighters were off to New York.

Upon arrival, they were picked up at the airport by representatives from

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MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS REBUILDING THE LAPD

MITZI GRASSO, PRESIDENT

Flexible Work Schedules

In October, the Los Angeles Police Commission and the Los Angeles City Council made historic votes that will greatly improve the way the rank and file operates at the LAPD, while also raising the level of safety in the city.

With an 11-0 vote, the City Council directed its consultant to suggest the best ways to implement Mayor Hahn's plan for flexible work schedules at LAPD. In doing so, the City Council gave a vote for improving the safety of Los Angeles streets. As it stands today, we expect these schedules will be a combination of the traditional five-day, eight-hour work-week with other four-day, 10-hour and three-day, 12-hour shift assignments. They will help ensure that more police officers are on the street at critical times and that more of our officers will be incentivized to stay at LAPD, rather than leaving for one of the 41 Southern California agencies that already offer such schedules.

The Council clearly saw that the greatest proof of the effectiveness of flexible work schedules lies in the unfortunate situation that we found ourselves on September 11th. After the terrorist attacks on the East Coast, the LAPD went on a citywide tactical alert, and LAPD management mandated that officers work 12-hour days until further notice. This surely was a time requiring

that officers perform to their utmost abilities. Yet no one hesitated to implement this schedule and no one complained about the officers working 12-hour days then. Our city was as safe as ever – arguably safer – with officers working 12-hour days. Management's decision was right – and flexible work schedules are right, too. City leaders and the public now see that if 12-hour schedules are critical during a national crisis, then they are definitely suitable for the crisis that is currently plaguing the LAPD.

Chief Parks' Law: Just Say "No"

Over the last few months, the Board of Directors has brought forth numerous issues of concern regarding public safety in the City of Los Angeles. We are concerned, because, at this point in time, the public safety issues are not being addressed.

Some in the community have remarked that Chief Parks ought to change his name to "Chief No." Why? He has never supported a single proposal to improve public safety that the LAPPL has put forward. Apparently he has adopted the famous Nancy Reagan saying of the '80s, and instead applied it to all things LAPPL. As most observers of the LAPD know, the LAPPL's voice on public safety issues in the city has gotten louder recently. We have always maintained, though, that if the Chief and

his management team were able to address and solve the issues that have been raised, then we would be the first to praise them for a job well done. However, this is not occurring:

- When the LAPPL put forth ideas to stem the rising crime rate in Los Angeles, the Chief said NO.
- When the LAPPL asked the LAPD to fully restore community-policing programs, the Chief said NO.
- When the Board proposed flexible work schedules, to help with retention and recruitment and plummeting officer morale, the Chief said NO.
- When the LAPPL recommended alternatives to stop the proposed jail closures – which will have the negative effect of keeping our officers off of the streets longer in order to transport arrestees to other jails, the Chief said NO.
- When the LAPPL offered ideas to reduce the high number of dropped 911 calls, the Chief said NO.
- When the LAPPL offered a plan on how to slow the high attrition rate and low morale of officers at the LAPD, the Chief said NO.
- When the LAPPL suggested how to fix the malfunctions of LAPD officers' radios, which poses a threat to officer and public safety, the Chief said NO.
- When the LAPPL asked the LAPD to stop the perpetuation of the farcical disciplinary system at the LAPD, which allows absurd cases to consume vital departmental resources that could be used to fight rising crime on our streets, the Chief said NO.
- When the LAPPL suggested ideas to make the flying public safer, the Chief said NO.

Is there a trend developing here? Obviously we are very disappointed by the cold shoulder our proposals have received by "Chief NO." But we are not discouraged. We are determined to put forth constructive proposals in the name

of public safety. Now is the time to work together on issues of concern, not dismiss them with what is now the predictable answer: NO.

Keeping the Traveling Public Safe

In order to help airplane travelers be and feel safe while traveling in the aftermath of the tragic September 11th hijackings, the LAPPL publicly suggested that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Department of Justice allow off-duty peace officers to carry weapons on airplanes.

Since there is currently a need for sky marshals, the LAPPL believes that it is necessary for public safety and reassurance that qualified and adequately trained peace officers immediately be given the option to carry their firearms while traveling. With public fears heightened and airports and airlines suffering from low capacity, we believe that actions must be taken promptly in order to give people the confidence to fly again. If the public knows that additional protection is available to them through trained and credentialed officers, they will feel much safer traveling via airplane.

That is why the LAPPL proposed allowing off-duty state and federal peace officers to be armed with their approved firearms while traveling via airplane, subject to all federal requirements, such as specialized training and proper ammunition and law enforcement credentials. We are aware that currently, peace officers may only carry their weapons aboard airplanes if it is within the course and scope of their duties, and if they have a letter from their department approving such action. We asked the Attorney General to expand this permission to all off-duty state and federal peace officers.

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PATIENCE DOES NOT MEAN SITTING QUIETLY BY

BOB BAKER, VICE PRESIDENT

We're always told that patience is a virtue. People urge us to "have patience" or "be patient," and we're expected to wait and see what will come of certain situations.

My detective training tells me I have to be patient. I have to take the time to collect evidence, sort through it and only come to conclusions once I have the full picture. But, my patience is starting to run out.

With matters related to officer morale, public safety and problems plaguing the LAPD, I have already come to the conclusion that we need to do whatever possible to make things better. I have studied all of the evidence as it relates to such concepts as flexible work schedules, proposed jail closures, community policing, rising crime and LAPD's ineffective disciplinary system. I have been patient, and waited for city leaders and department management to come to their own conclusions. But it seems as though some of them made up their minds on these issues before reviewing the evidence, and are testing my patience – and the patience of LAPD officers – to see how long they can stall on decisions before revealing their true intentions. We cannot tolerate this. Because every day we wait, many officers decide that they have exercised enough patience and leave the LAPD for other departments.

When one talks about patience, look at flexible work schedules. The League and many city and community leaders have been pushing for their implementation for years. The city has studied them in detail, both by looking at LAPD's own study and consulting with other Southern California police agencies that utilize them. We have tried to educate both city leaders and the public on how flexible work schedules will benefit such things as public safety and officer morale. We have urged our officers to stay positive and believe in us that we would achieve results on this issue.

Mayor Hahn has generously provided us with the extra leverage we needed to make flexible work schedules a reality. He made it one of his priorities to implement flexible work schedules and he did not waver in his commitment, even in the face of political opposition.

Some city leaders were committed to blocking the mayor from success in his

mission. Either due to pre-existing biases against the LAPPL or to fulfill their own political agendas, some city officials continue to throw whatever roadblocks they can in the way of flexible work schedules. They needed to wait on the results of a \$150,000 study they contracted before they could make a decision – even though LAPD, the Mayor and the LAPPL were providing them with adequate studies and information on flexible work schedules. Then they felt that, due to the horrible tragedies of Sept. 11, it was not the time to try such a schedule – even though, in the midst of one of the greatest tests on the security of our city, LAPD went to 12-hour shifts. And then it was the consent decree. They said that implementing flexible work schedules right now would interfere with consent decree compliance and reform at LAPD – even though it would do no such thing and both elements, whether concurrently or separately, are necessary for positive change at LAPD.

Through all of this, we are forced to remain patient, but we did not sit by silently and wait for them to come to their senses. The Board continues to be a presence during flexible work schedule negotiations. We spoke before city leaders to share with them the information we had on the merits of the schedule. We answered the calls of the media and community leaders so that we could tell the residents of Los Angeles how they would benefit from this schedule. We communicated with all of you to keep you informed on our progress.

And it all paid off. We cleared the first hurdle of the Police Commission in late September, with a vote of 4-1 for flexible work schedules. And in the first week of October, the City Council passed a motion 11-0 for the study, evaluation and implementation of flexible work schedules. This means that the LAPPL was able to shift the City Council from insisting on waiting until a study was complete before moving forward with implementation of flexible work schedules, to allowing the study to be completed while flexible work schedules are implemented. This is a great victory for both the League and the rank and file.

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The year 2002 brings an opportunity for the League, UFLAC, and the City to make our pension system competitive with CalPERS and provide the cost neutral benefits that LACERS (Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System) has. There will be a March 5, 2002, city-wide election that should be our goal to have total pension reform placed before the voters. The only issue that will be considered for the November 2002 ballot will most likely be issues on secession.

The Department is facing a serious recruitment and retention problem. Another bumper sticker on the back of a black-and-white police car will not bring new officers to us. The California Highway Patrol and 130 law enforcement agencies in CalPERS have 90% pension at 30 years of service, but LAPD, through Richard Riordan's flawed logic, offers a 90% pension at 33 years. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out where the recruit candidates and lateral candidates (from our own Department, too) are going to look for employment opportunities. A significant amount of other cities and counties also pay the member's pension contribution.

Mayor Hahn's office has recognized this and has indicated that he is willing to make improvements to our pension system so we can be competitive in recruitment and benefits.

The other cost neutral benefit that is a no brainer, is the ability to buy back

prior government service pension credits. This can be prior law enforcement, military, student worker time, etc. All Los Angeles City employees already have this benefit except for police officers and firefighters. This does not cost the City any money because the member pays for the costs. Now with the new federal law that takes effect January 1, 2002, the member can use money from their Deferred Compensation account, without penalty, to buy back prior service credits. The main concern to the City is not creating a system that would in any way increase the exodus of officers in this time of a shortage of personnel. The buy back of service credits would most likely be tied to the new pension formula where the service credits would become applicable at age 50. By creating the ability to buy back prior service credits, the Department could be more viable in recruiting lateral entry officers from other Departments.

There are two ways the City could achieve these benefits: one is to negotiate a new Tier 6 formula and benefit package as they did with Tier 5 and DROP, or to entirely remove the police and fire pension from the charter and operate the same way that the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) works. In discussing this with Ken Buzzell of UFLAC, we feel the latter would be the

better way, because of the protections provided by Proposition 162 and the Proposition H lawsuit. In essence, existing benefits could not be arbitrarily taken away. Having the pension out of charter would permit the ability of active and retired members to obtain increased benefits by ordinance rather than the arduous task of going through the voters.

Because these two issues are relatively cost neutral, there should be no resistance. The main issue facing the City next year will be secession. If our city breaks apart and the new cities do not contract out public safety functions with

Los Angeles, there could feasibly be layoffs. That is why the issues of secession are important to all of us.

We have a plan and the direction to get there. As of this writing the Tier 5 pension is scheduled to be ready January 7, 2002 (the first Monday after the New Year), and DROP is on line for sometime in the first quarter. Hopefully by the time you read this the Flex Work Schedule will be known and functional.

Be careful out there and may all of the heroes in NYFD and NYPD be given God's blessings and eternal peace to the victims. ♦

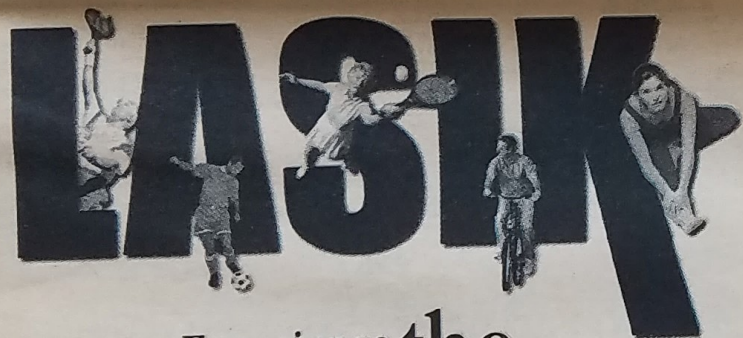
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Board of Rights Not So Independent

On October 4, 2001, something happened at a Board of Rights that, as far as I know, has never happened in the history of LAPD. Since the 1930's, Board of Rights per City Charter were supposed to be an independent body to recommend discipline of officers to the Chief of Police. This independent body was set up to fight corruption of the Police Department, as the Chief of Police could not arbitrarily dismiss or discipline officers without a Board of Rights hearing.

On October 4, 2001, the Chief of Police and City Attorney changed the way Boards of Rights do business. The Chief of Police through the City Attorney made a motion to a Board of Rights panel of two command officers and one civilian, to have the civilian member and chairman remove the other command officer due to a perceived conflict. The conflict is, who the female command officer is married to. The civilian and chairman deliberated on the motion and did remove the female Board member over her complete objection and the objection of the defense.

I have represented officers at Boards of Rights for 10 years and completed over 100 Boards of Rights. I have never

seen such an abuse of discretion as removing a member for a perceived conflict. The test of a Board member's bias has been to ask the Board member, on the record, if they can be fair and impartial and if the answer is yes, then the Board continues. The female Board member, on the record, indicated she could be fair and impartial.

The alleged conflict rose out of a prior Board of Rights, where a Board member is alleged to have made an inappropriate statement and had an ex-parte communication regarding Rafael Perez. It was recommended the command officer be given a penalty by the Chief and he, instead, opted for a Board of Rights.

A witness to the alleged inappropriate statement was the other command officer on the prior Board of Rights. That witness is married to the female command officer who was kicked off the October 4, 2001, Board. I am not arguing the innocence of a command officer accused of misconduct. Rather I am arguing the precedent that has been set by two board members thinking they have the authority to remove, over objection, a third member, over a perceived conflict.

This action has huge implications for our members. It damages what ever alleged independence the Board of Rights system has and this severe-

ly jeopardizes what little credibility the Board of Rights system had.

The League will be addressing this huge issue through litigation and the Mayor's office, as the Mayor has indicated a willingness to change our discipline system by eliminating the Board of Rights system and create a system modeled after the Los Angeles County Sheriff's system, where a hearing officer outside of the Department adjudicates. This would at least eliminate the conflict the Chief of Police and City Attorney have created by their egregious actions.

LAPPL Legal Plan

In conjunction with our new Legal Plan, I have asked our independent legal counsel Gary Ingemundson and Sergeant Paul Weber, Assistant O.I.C. of the Officer Representation Section, to prepare and conduct a class on Employee Representation. I will be notifying the membership of when and where this will take place in the very near future.

Workers' Comp Information

As a continuing effort to keep the membership informed on Worker's Compensation, I am providing the following information:

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. If you do not take appropriate action to obtain workers' compensation benefits, you may lose your right to these benefits. Attempting to understand all the ramifications of the statute of limitations in workers' compensation cases is extremely difficult as the area is very complex. For specific problems you should obtain legal advice.

Generally, if you suffer from an injury or illness which would require lifetime medical care and/or observation, you should obtain an award from the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for this treatment. You must file an application with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board within one year from the date of injury or illness if treatment has not been provided by the city. If the city provides treatment, you have five years from the date of injury or illness to file an application with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, or one year from the last date treatment was provided if beyond the five year period.

Many injury claims can be based on a

stress and strain microtrauma or continuous exposure theory. For the purpose of the statute of limitations, the first date of disability or the last date on the job generally commences the running of the statute of limitations. Also, the statute of limitations does not commence to run on some medical conditions until you know, or should reasonably have known, of the industrial relationship.

Class Action Grievance

I have filed a class action grievance for all Lieutenants and below. The issue is the Department denying on call court overtime on September 11, 2001, when the courts closed due to the terrorist attacks. The Department argues that since the courts were closed at 0800 hours officers are not entitled to overtime. The League will argue that the officers remained on call as directed by subpoena. The officers were never notified of closures. The Department's argument is flawed. Please turn in your overtime slips for 9-11-01, and keep your denial slips. I expect the League will prevail and will notify the membership upon doing so. If you have questions, call me or e-mail at (213) 251-4586, timsands@lappl.org.

Terrorist Attack

As of the writing of this article, the known count of public safety officers missing or dead as a result of the terrorist attack in New York is as follows:

NYFD: 311 missing, 34 confirmed dead.

Port Authority: 37 missing, two confirmed dead.

NYPD: 23 missing or dead.

The League and Police Memorial foundation sent back another group of off-duty officers and reserves who are peer and grief counselors to help console the families and friends of these public safety officers. This was done at the request of the New York - New Jersey Port Authority. I was told this good faith effort by the Protective League and Police Memorial Foundation was well appreciated. May we never forget those who perished on this attack on America.

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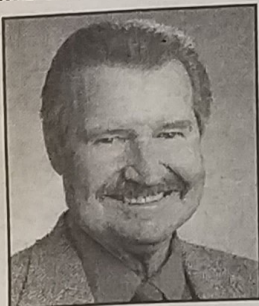
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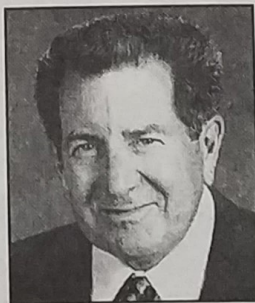
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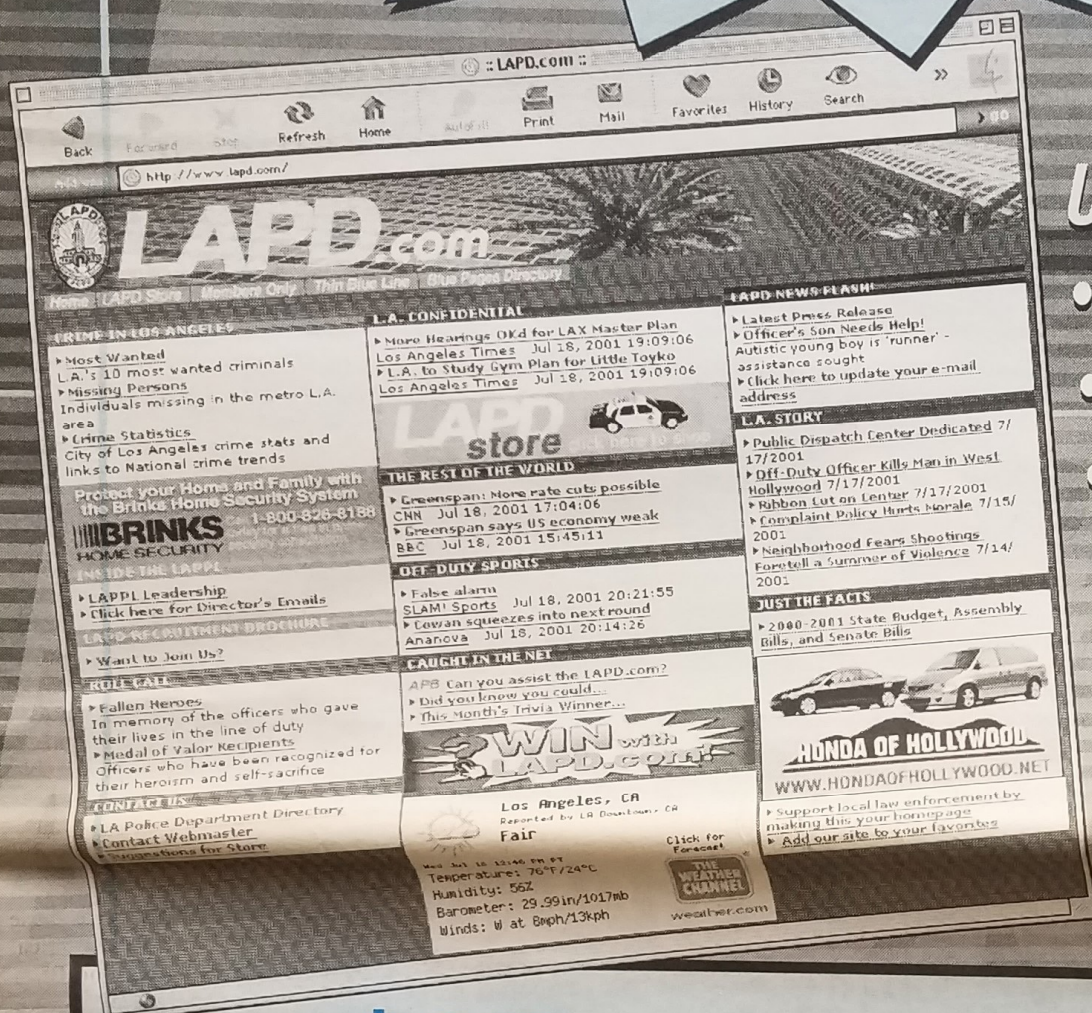
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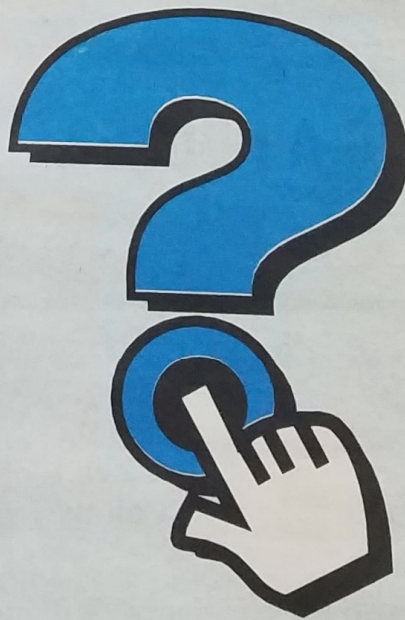
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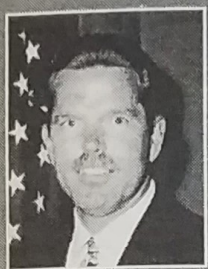
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GROUND HERO

KEN HILLMAN

During the first two weeks of October, I had the privilege of leading two separate groups of Department peer counselors to the New York World Trade Center disaster site – now known as Ground Zero, to assist the New York-New Jersey State Port Authority with grief and stress counseling for their employees. Since there were no zeroes at this site – only heroes – from here on we will only refer to this location as Ground Hero. As the invited guests for the Port Authority, it is important to note that their main headquarters was located in one of the two World Trade Center Towers struck by the jet airliner under the control of terrorists. The Port Authority lost 1,500 civilian employees, 37 police officers and one-quarter of their fleet. In all, 5,400 civilians, 300 firefighters and 70 police officers perished in this cowardly attack.

Both trips were sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) and the Police Memorial Foundation, and our presence proved highly successful in assisting the grieving family members and fellow employees who lost loved ones or friends in this tragic event. The days were long – most often 12-16 hours, leaving no time to shop for souvenirs or to see the famous sights of New York City. Instead, our peer counselors heard hundreds of miraculous and heroic stories about lives saved, personally witnessed the recovery

of bodies from Ground Hero, embraced our brother and sister officers as they wrapped their fallen comrades charred and sometimes mutilated remains in American flags when their bodies were found in the rubble, attended several police and fire memorial services, attended roll calls and made ourselves available at any time of the day or night to assist those traumatized by this event. And most importantly – all of New York now knows that the men and women of the LAPD cared enough about them to come all the way from Los Angeles on their own personal vacation days, regular days off and T/O's to support them in their time of need.

Over and over again, we heard New York police officers say LAPD is still the "Number One" law enforcement agency in the country as they affectionately embraced our presence at Ground Hero. While I have heard that New Yorkers are insensitive, brazen, and at times caustic, we saw nothing of the sort. In fact, New Yorkers stood on corners and cheered us, went out of their way to make us feel welcomed and were only caustic when the subject turned to bin Laden. Both trips were the highlights of my career and I considered it an honor to serve with each and every one of the following peer counselors and chaplains who made this journey to assist the fallen heroes of the New York Police and Fire Departments, and the New York Port Authority:

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I would also like to extend thanks to my fellow LAPPL Board of Directors for supporting this effort, and special thanks to Director Don Lint, for coordinating both events with the Police Memorial Foundation and finding funds to pay for these trips.

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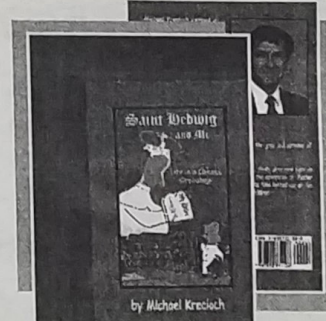
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Recently I read the fairy tale, the *Emperor's New Clothes* to my kindergarten. She was delighted to learn how silly some people can be, fooling themselves into believing absolute nonsense and falsehoods. She laughed at the imbecility of the emperor who was so out of touch with reality and so engrossed in his own arrogance, that rather than admit to his mistakes, he paraded buck naked in public having been fooled into believing that he was wearing the finest clothing ever made.

Then the next morning I received an e-mail from an officer who had been retired over 16 years. He told me that the Department had just opened up a personnel complaint on him, which reached back

nearly 20 years. Not a criminal allegation. Not serious misconduct. But essentially what we used to call "Highway Moarpery with Intent to Gawk." In other words a bogus claim of misconduct.

As an example, a former League Director was charged with conduct unbecoming based on an allegation that he had parked his police car in a red zone over seven years ago.

This insanity has to stop. NO ONE ON OUR DEPARTMENT WILL TOLERATE A CROOKED COP. We don't want crooked cops and will go to the mat to make sure that a crooked cop is ferreted out, severely punished and ostracized.

We're at crisis stage. The Department as an organization is collapsing. LAPD can not fulfill its basic mission. LAPD can not put police cars on the street to do our basic job because we are engrossed in a living fairy tale. Taxpayers are getting cheated. They pay us to prevent crime and to apprehend those who commit crimes. That's not happening.

Instead, we are wasting the resources that the public has entrusted to the police administrators and to us. Too many of our resources are being allocated to the pursuit of irrelevant and irrational goals. Too much manpower is being allocated to things that are not our primary job, in other words our primary reason for being, that of protective

service to the citizens.

For example, how much time was spent researching, writing, reviewing, approving, printing and distributing the notice that you can't put an American flag on your police car unless it is supplied by LAPD and authorized; that you can't wear an American flag lapel pin unless it is a D.A.R.E. pin. Any squint worth his or her salt will tell you in a minute that, including the re-reviews and re-writes, over 1,000 hours of expensive time went into that stupid project.

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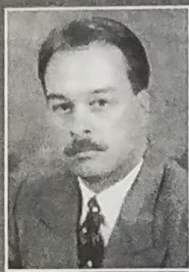
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Officers Art Greci, Todd Cataldi and Sgt. Fred Tredy and Firefighter John Knox took on the assignment and went to work so that the Mayor could have a functioning command post. They were able to get phone and cable lines installed and set up phones, computers and TV's. They also obtained office furniture and supplies. Thanks to these LAPD and LAFD heroes, the Mayor now had a functioning command post.

The next challenge was solving a problem with the distribution of supplies coming in and out of the site. Sgt. Fred Tredy stepped up to the plate and organized the trucks transporting supplies, as well as the distribution of the necessary supplies. Our officers became very sought after individuals as a result of their resourcefulness and determination to get things done. Our officers were out of time and had to come home.

Before they came home I received another call from the New Jersey-New York Port Authority, requesting Peer Counselors. I spoke with Roland Candle, who is in charge of their Emergency Command Center. I asked for a written request and immediately received it. Armed with the required written request, I asked the Department to send officers. But, even though I had done what LAPD told me to do, I was still told no.

Motivated even more by the lack of concern the Department was demonstrating for our brothers and sisters in need, I contacted Police Memorial and

we put together another group of officers and another trip. Jet Blue Airlines once again generously donated tickets to our officers. I inquired about the tickets and found out that the employees of Jet Blue had donated their Air Miles so that our officers could fly for free. That is truly inspiring, and I would encourage all of you to fly Jet Blue if you can. They understand what helping is all about. Again my mother was able to make arrangements for free rooms at the Holiday Inn.

The second group was composed of all police officers who are Peer Counselors. Again, they all went on their own time. Father Mike and Father Bowser were incredibly sought after, since most of the police officers in New York are Catholic. Our officers helped hundreds of people that were - understandably - incredibly traumatized by this vicious attack. The Peer Counselors quickly found out that the officers they spoke to would rather talk to LAPD Peer Counselors than their own people, because of the fear that what they said would get back to their department. Our Peer Counselors served a very important purpose and need in New York immediately following the attacks.

There is one moment in particular that the LAPD officers in New York on that trip recall. A police officer was found in the rubble and the firefighters began yelling "Get those LAPD guys!" Father Mike and the rest of the group were taken onto the pile of rubble where Father Mike blessed the body. The fallen officer was then covered with a flag and carried out, while the rescue workers stood at attention and saluted a fallen hero. Although this was painful for them to experience, all of the LAPD officers gave their hearts and souls to help those in need. They worked 12 to 16 hours a day and were physically and emotionally spent at the end of the week, yet they knew that their help was greatly needed and appreciated.

Once this group returned to Los Angeles, I received another request for more Peer Counselors. At this point, I did not waste my time asking the Chief or the Department again about sending officers. It was evident that there was not any goodwill or patriotic pride coming from our Chief.

I am extremely proud of the officers and firefighters who volunteered their time and their hard work to selflessly contribute to the rescue and cleanup efforts in New York City. But I am disappointed in what is now happening with Department Management in the aftermath of these officers' trips. I was at the Armand Arabian Awards in Van Nuys on Friday, October 5, while the second group was in New York. During the award ceremony, the Department was praised for sending officers to New York to assist. Without saying a word about the LAPPL or Police Memorial, Department staff officers took credit for these trips. As you can tell from reading this article, this is sadly not the case - in fact, the Department hindered efforts to send officers to New York. There is praise for LAPD - for the LAPD officers who selflessly volunteered to assist in the efforts. The Department did not do one thing to help. The LAPD staff officers who were at the awards ceremony should be ashamed for capitalizing on the misunderstanding of many to make themselves look better.

Be proud to be Americans. Be proud to be Los Angeles Police Officers. Be proud of your rank-and-file brothers and sisters who reached out to help others in this time of national crisis. I am proud of all of those things and to be associated with individuals like them. I will always be ashamed of our Chief for his lack of concern and for Department staff officers for taking credit for a gesture of goodwill in the spirit of helping, when they knew that they had nothing to do with it.

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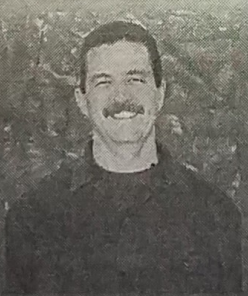
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LAPD MUST RE-EXAMINE SELF IN LIGHT OF SEPT. 11th

PETER REPOVICH

With terrorism at our doorstep, a declining economy and a wary Los Angeles Police Department there is reason for serious concern. We must learn from ground zero in New York and recognize we cannot stay the course, the daily direction and the way we do business must change. No matter where you go on the Department, officers will express dissatisfaction for the job and the way they are made to feel. Anyone with a modern day education realizes your most precious resource in the work environment is the people within the organization. We can no longer afford to manage by fear, we must instead empower our employees and make them part of the solution. If corporate America followed the same principles that we do the shareholders would react swiftly to prevent costly personnel losses and needless turnover.

What happened in New York City we don't have a playbook for, we can pretend we do, and maybe God willing, it will never happen to us. The citizens of Los Angeles deserve the very best, we must improve our state of affairs by first addressing the leadership issue. Right now we are running on empty, we aren't guided by any kind of meaningful purpose. We have taken the low road to political correctness at the expense of the customers and investors of our city,

the people. Rather than command, maybe we should work to build loyalty and mutual beneficial relationships. Maybe we should change the rank of commander to facilitator. The real test of leadership is measured only by the strong bonds of loyalty. Let's be honest, we are not where we should be.

Maybe we can start a revolution by allowing supervisors and captains to do their jobs, give them authority, trust them, empower them, encourage them and let them create loyalty at the divisional level. Then, since we're on a roll, why don't we create a vast number of small working groups at the divisions, empower them to find purpose in what we do, and then give them the power to determine the best way to accomplish these goals. What the heck, do we really have anything to lose, you can only harvest for so long. Let's get out of the box, too many people have given their lives to this organization. This is the perfect time to make the changes necessary to prevent further attrition and create a working environment that will allow us to compete for new recruits. Let's take off the blinders, and take bold new steps.

We could continue by making serious changes to our disciplinary system. We have over five thousand complaints a year, 10,000 to 15,000 interviews as a

result, and over 400 trial boards, not to mention the unnecessary risk management issues that we create for ourselves. Captains spend most of their time in boards of rights instead of at their divisions and sergeants are behind the computer full time and not in the field where they are desperately needed. We only have a fixed number of supervisors and

captains; I think the people of Los Angeles would be better served if that time were spent on investigating and solving crimes. What other city entity spends so much time and resources to break down their most precious resources, their personnel? Why are we so different? ♦

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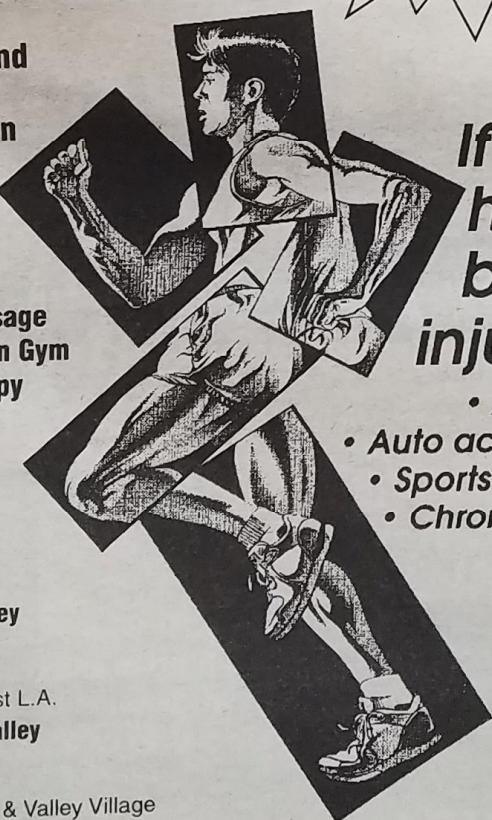
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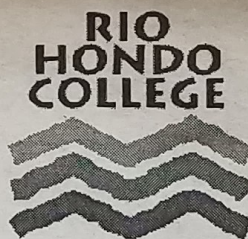
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

—John Donne

You enjoy your assignment as a patrol sergeant. You view your job as helping the officers do their job out here on the street. You want to guide them, advise them and keep them from making the mistakes that bring trouble to the Department and their careers. The officers on your watch are a good lot. Diversified. Well intentioned. Some need to be held back. Some need to be prodded. All are trying to do the best job they can. You have interacted with most of the officers on the watch and you can tell that the officers look up to you and value your advice. You rise to that expectation by constantly studying Department publications and staying abreast of the most current law enforcement issues. The last thing that you want to do is lead one of these officers astray.

Then you hear the frantic voice of one of your officers over the radio. "Officer needs help! Requesting an ambulance for a suspect with gunshot wounds and a supervisor." You head for the location at top speed.

There are several units at the scene when you arrive, but you are the first supervisor. The helicopter is overhead. In its orbiting spotlight, you see the officer who put out the help call standing and staring at a suspect who is lying on the ground handcuffed. Even before you get close you can see the blood on the ground. You approach the officer. You can see that he is shook up. He looks up and sees you coming. There is instant recognition and

relief spreads over his face. He is waiting for you to tell him what to do. He has never shot anyone before.

Without thinking, you ask him "what happened?" You have just abdicated your responsibility to both the officer and the Department. You have set yourself up to be the pawn of every special interest group with an axe to grind against the Department and possibly subjected yourself to years of court testimony and civil depositions. You have failed to think ahead.

An officer that has fired his or her weapon at another human being has just been through the most intense experience of his or her life. That is what you as a supervisor are confronting. Colonel Dave Grossman, a Pulitzer prize nominated expert on combat killing, says this. "The only thing you know for sure about the first report off the battlefield is that it will be wrong." When you are asking that officer for a first report minutes after a traumatic event such as this, you are going to get a statement that will undoubtedly be wrong. Psychological studies of high stress incidents tell us that during personal combat the body goes through many physiological changes that result in auditory distortions, freeze frame imaging, tunnel vision, slow motion, rapid motion, memory lapse and a host of other effects that make figuring out what happened a job for experts. Those experts are en route. They are the Officer Involved Shooting

Team out of the Critical Incident Investigation Division.

What you accomplish by your unthinking question is to place the officer in civil jeopardy and place yourself in the witness box against the officer and the Department. Why? Because every inconsistency between your report of the officer's first statement and the officer's statement given hours later after a walk-through and the time to reflect on the incident will be exploited by those whose purpose is served by attacking the Department and its officers.

And there will be inconsistencies. Under the conditions above, they are guaranteed. Each one will be offered as proof that LAPD is "white washing," "covering up," and/or engaging in the "code of silence."

As the receiver of the officer's "public safety statement" you will be interviewed on tape by the CIID investigators. Your statement will be endlessly compared against the officer's statement as the report climbs slowly through the Department and is eventually subpoenaed by the plaintiff's attorneys. You could end up as the "star witness" in the cover up theory. The fact that there was no cover up is only mildly interesting to a plaintiff with his eye on the big bucks possible anytime you are on the wrong end of an LAPD officer's use of force.

Think about it. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED.** The Chief of Police needs to know, but you do not. The Chief will find out what happened because the officer will tell the CIID investigators and they will examine all of the other evidence and report the result to him. It is the Chief's job to decide whether or not the shooting was in or out of policy.

What you do need to know is in what direction shots were fired so you can determine if anyone else was hit, if there are any outstanding suspects and, if so, what they look like and what they are

wanted for, and the location of any evidence that needs to be protected. Beyond that, everything can wait.

So, our fictitious sergeant above actually violated Department policy when he asked the open question, "what happened?" The Department's Officer Involved Shooting Manual states the following:

"The first supervisor at the scene of an OIS should determine who the involved officers are and obtain a Public Safety Statement from the involved officers. Questions regarding the officer's tactics and state of mind shall be avoided." Page 12.

The OIS Manual defines the Public Safety Statement as follows:

"While the involved officers may invoke a right to representation as well as the right against self-incrimination regarding both the criminal and/or administrative aspects of the matter, the supervisor is entitled to certain answers to questions regarding safety issues. Typically these questions would include the number and description of outstanding suspects, location of evidence, and the direction the shots were fired." Page 44.

So, "what happened?" is the last thing you, as the first supervisor on the scene, want to say. It is your job to take control of the scene and the officer, determine if there are other injuries, locate the physical evidence that needs protection and segregate the involved officers to preserve their statement from contamination until the assigned investigators arrive. The officer may feel a tremendous need to talk about the shooting for various psychological reasons, but it is your job to prevent this from happening. It does no one any good and may do a

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Should the federal government adopt our proposal, the LAPPL would encourage the FAA and Department of Justice to publicize it widely. Not only will this allay fears among the flying public, but it will also discourage hostile actions by would-be hijackers, who would not be able to anticipate the presence of one or multiple armed peace officers on board his or her flight.

Reaction to Our Proposal

Dawn Deeks of the Association of Flight Attendants said her organization would support the LAPPL's proposal, provided that the officers received training similar to that of the air marshals. Bernard K. Melekian, Pasadena Police Chief and President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association, has proposed a similar plan. Not surprisingly our "Chief NO" who has never seen an idea from the League that he likes, dismissed our proposal, saying that the policy could lead to dangerous misunderstandings among officers from various law enforcement agencies.

Chief Parks & Discipline

As you may have read in the last *Blue Line*, the Chief wrote a note to the Board of Directors blaming us for officer misconduct. He wrote, "The attached report reflects the type of very serious misconduct by Department personnel, your members, which most could be prevented. You and your board can take an active role in saving officers' careers with just a little leadership."

Sadly, for by no means the first time, the Chief produced a pile of evidence to prove a point that's completely different to the point he claims to be disputing. That there have been instances of serious misconduct by our members – who, just in case the Chief has forgotten, are his employees – is not in doubt. Some of the cases he cited are serious, and obviously the LAPPL fully supports all efforts to improve conduct.

What he fails to address is our contention that he won't improve conduct by disciplining officers for magnificently frivolous complaints. The Chief knows full well the kind of complaints we're referring to, but here are three examples to refresh his ever-selective memory:

Officers interviewed a woman who later complained that the officers looked at her "like she was stupid." This triggered an official investigation that is currently in progress. We estimate that this will consume 15 hours of supervisory time, plus the time of the officers involved and the time of defense reps for each of the involved officers. The officers will end up with a Discourtesy Complaint on their records for the rest of their careers. As you know, should either of the same officers receive another Discourtesy Complaint, however ultimately resolved, the Department will determine that "a pattern of discourtesy" exists, label him a "problem officer" and all future career opportunities will disappear.

An officer driving down a street waved at a civilian on the sidewalk. The civilian complained that the officer was being discourteous, because he was trying "to be funny."

A weather balloon landed in a resident's backyard. The resident called the desk at the local police station and was advised by the desk officer to call the Fire Department. The resident complained about the desk officer's advice and the desk officer was charged with neglect of duty. This case is still under investigation.

The Chief says that "a little leadership" on our part can help with "saving officers' careers." I'm sad that he would toss off so easily a reference to "saving" careers, because it reveals his recognition of the threat and menace the rank and file face every day. However, I'm glad the Chief has so much faith in the powers of my leadership that only a little of it could prove effective. If only the same could be said of him. Leadership seems to be a quality more elusive to the Chief than the Holy Grail was to the Knights of Camelot.

The Secession Movement

City leaders are growing concerned that Los Angeles might break up into smaller cities. Recently, these leaders began negotiations on terms of separation for the San Fernando Valley. As the leaders progress in these negotiations, the LAPPL's utmost concern is how police protection will be handled by any new city.

At the same time, Sheriff Lee Baca is publicly saying that his department could police the Valley for \$100 million less than the LAPD, should the Valley secede. As Bob Baker pointed out last month, we at the League were quite amused by Sheriff Baca's cost analysis. It's easy to do: you just cut out all specialized resources currently offered by the LAPD.

What Valley leaders should be asking Sheriff Lee Baca is how good his department is at money management. Last month, the Sheriff asked the Board of Supervisors for an extra \$21 million to make ends meet – just after he overwrote his budget, and purchased a \$2.4 million 10-seat turboprop aircraft (without Board approval). Stay tuned as we watch the Sheriff's Department – which has an existing \$1.6 billion budget – try to take over LAPD operations. We won't let that happen!

Day of Courage Support Fund

I want to thank all of you who have been so generous as to donate to the LAPPL's Day of Courage Support Fund, in order to help out the children of our fallen comrades in New York, who perished in the Sept. 11 tragedies. For those of you who would still like to donate, please visit our website at www.LAPD.com to get instructions on where to send your check. You can also receive a "Day of Courage" T-shirt, upon request and a donation for \$25 or more. To keep updated on the latest news as it relates to the fund, as well as our most recent work and activities, keep your home page set at www.LAPD.com. ❖

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The lesson I have learned? Patience can and does pay off – but it doesn't mean you have to sit idly by while others try to prevent you from achieving your goals. It simply means that you have to push harder and speak louder so that those who might give you a chance will hear you over the others who wrote you off before you even had a chance to speak. You have to be strategic with your patience, and utilize it to provide information to the other parties involved, consider their concerns and give them the reasoning for your position. Above all, you must stand tough, which the LAPPL always does, and prove why others should see things your way. One goal down, many more to go.

Things Done Right, Part II

In September I wrote about the good things being done by Deputy Chief Dave Kalish. This month, I'd like to revisit the "things done right" and commend

Captain Mike Downing and Captain Jim Tatreau for standing their ground and expressing their own thoughts.

Even in the face of management's opposition to flexible work schedules, these two leaders were vocal in their support of implementing the schedules, in order to get the process of rebuilding LAPD started. Make no mistake about it: as the old saying goes, no good deed goes unpunished. These two brave command officers have been hurt for maintaining their convictions, even putting their careers at risk. This is the type of leadership we need on the LAPD command staff: people who care about the officers and are willing to stick their necks out on behalf of the rank and file. I encourage all of the members to show your support for Captain Downing and Captain Tatreau, and stand behind them as they face "Chief No." They are not afraid to stand up for you, so please be there to stand up for them. Thank you, Captain Downing and Captain Tatreau, and keep doing what's right for the men and women of the LAPD. ❖

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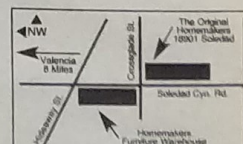
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. **Letters must be limited to 350 words or less.** Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Vice President Bob Baker for highlighting Deputy Chief Dave Kalish in his column in September's Blue Line. I admire Deputy Chief Kalish greatly, and both Bob's column and actions I have seen from Chief Kalish during the time that LAPD was on tactical alert following the tragedies of September 11 have reinforced this admiration.

With these tragedies, LAPD officers were placed on tactical alert to protect the city of Los Angeles. Many employees experienced working the 12-hour shifts to make sure all areas of the city were kept safe, and responding to emergencies around the city as needed, such as bomb threats.

This was a stressful time for all of America, and particularly its police officers and emergency personnel. But, there was one command officer making sure his officers were taken care of here in Los Angeles: Dave Kalish. He made the rounds throughout the city, giving water and food to those who didn't have a chance to take a break, or offering help or an encouraging word to those who felt the great emotional impact of this situation.

I just want to tell Deputy Chief Kalish "thank you." You exemplify the type of leadership that this Department needs—managers who are attentive to officers' needs and go the extra mile to make sure we're taken care of. It is very rare that we get a pat on the back for what we do, but you are always there to offer one, and we all appreciate this.

Sincerely,
Nick Sinibaldi
Pacific Area – LAX Detail

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a Los Angeles Police Officer and have been proud to serve with the department for the last six years. My mother, feeling emotion from a fallen

deputy's life, decided to write a letter to the editor of the Times in hope that it would be placed in the editorial section. In the rise of current events in dealings with our country, she feels that it may not make it. She had given me a copy to read and words cannot describe how touched I was in reading it. I have given a few copies to fellow officers at my division and they felt I should at least send a copy of it to the Blue Line so that other readers could relate to it in their own way. I know I am very fortunate to have such caring parents, but I believe we all have a common goal every day to make our parents and loved ones proud when we do our jobs. For that, I hope this letter can be read in an upcoming current issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Brian Heany, #32460
Hollywood Division

If Not My Son, Whose?

My son is an LAPD officer, and I am immensely proud of him. However, I do not have to read the daily newspapers to realize that many find my pride somewhat surprising. Even before he actually joined the force, I had been asked numerous times, "How could you let him become a police officer?" "Aren't you afraid for him?" Just recently, I had lunch with an older woman who was describing a friend of hers, who had been a motorcycle officer, with the comment that it was "...not a very noble profession." What do I say to these people in response? I say that, truthfully, my son did not ask my opinion about whether he should become a law enforcement officer. He started as an Explorer Scout while he was still in high school and volunteered many hours at a local station. During that period he spent time marching in Memorial Day parades, helping with crowd control at the Rose Parade, and riding along with officers on patrol.

Frankly, I was proud of him then too. How many mothers were worrying over their teenagers doing drugs, or laying around in front of the television for hours on end? Mine was being productive and making a contribution. Do I worry about him? Of course I do. His father and I look at each other, with our hearts in our mouths, every single time an officer is hurt. We know that that officer has a mother, a father, and perhaps a spouse and children. We know that should that officer die, a void will be left in a family that would be too big to ever be filled in a lifetime. Nonetheless, we also know that the world we live in needs good law enforcement officers. We truly believe, while some officers fail in their mission to Protect and to Serve, that law enforcement is indeed a "noble profession." We believe that our son, and the majority who serve with him, are individuals who have chosen to put their lives on the line so that we may be a little safer. Beyond putting their physical lives on the line, we also know that they work holidays, nights, and weekends, while the rest of us are spending time with our loved ones. Trust me when I say we absolutely understand that our son and his fellow officers are not saints. After all, like the rest of us, they are merely imperfect people in an imperfect world. It is because of this human imperfection that we pray that our son and his fellow officers listen to their "good self," and make decisions based on what is right. So I ask you, if we all positively believe that law enforcement agencies, such as the LAPD, should only employ essentially good individuals, who is it specifically that we should encourage to become police officers? If not my son or daughter, if not yours, whose?

Letters to the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the directors and the League members for providing legal assistance to my son-in-law, Officer Ronald Orosco for an on-duty shooting that occurred on July 14, 2000, while he was assigned to 77th Street Vice.

Officer Orosco and his partner stopped a motorist who was driving recklessly. When the motorist finally stopped he was verbally abusive to both officers. At first he refused to product his driver's license and vehicle registration. He also provided false information to officers that he was a retired policeman with 32 years service.

Prior to the arrival of the supervisor, the motorist produced his driver's license and Officer Orosco issued a citation, during which time the motorist continued to threaten the lives of both officers. After the motorist signed the ticket, he continued to threaten to "kill the officers."

Officer Orosco decided to effect an arrest for terrorist threats. He so informed the motorist and grabbed the suspect's arm who was seated in his vehicle. A struggle ensued at the suspect's car door. The suspect's vehicle pulled away rapidly and "drug" Officer Orosco. The officer pulled his pistol and fired four rapid rounds at the suspect, because he was in fear of his life.

The first two rounds entered the driver's side of the vehicle. The third round traveled through the back window and the fourth round entered the right side of the vehicle as the vehicle turned right to

escape. Officer Orosco did not know how many rounds he had fired. At first he believed he had fired only two rounds. After examining the scene he observed four casings on the pavement. Officer Orosco told the investigators he only recalled firing the first two rounds. The investigators did not believe Officer Orosco, and insisted he did not recall the last two rounds because they were out of policy. The investigators believed the first rounds were in policy, but not the last two.

Note: Crime scene experts estimated the incident occurred within two to four seconds.

The suspect escaped and was later stopped by uniformed officers, based on the crime broadcast provided by Officer Orosco and his partner. The suspect had sustained a gunshot wound to the back of his right shoulder. He was not hospitalized.

The motorist admitted that he was rude to the officers and it appeared to him that Officer Orosco just "snapped" and shot him for no reason. It was later determined that the motorist/suspect had been convicted of murder and spent 20 years in prison. He had also been arrested for ADW on police officers and other crimes. But he has been clean for the past 15/20 years. The investigators believed this was a case of "road rage." The officer just had a "bad day."

Officer Orosco has been a policeman for the past five years. He has never been arrested before, nor has he ever had a personnel complaint in five years. That says a lot in this day and age.

Nevertheless, the D.A.'s office presented this case to the Grand Jury, which is known to be a "rubber stamp." The victim/motorist/suspect became belligerent in the Grand Jury waiting room and had to be escorted out. However, the Grand Jury indicted Officer Orosco and he later surrendered in Dept. 100.

We should have known something was wrong when bail was set at one million dollars! Both Officer Orosco and I were "in shock." The presiding judge lowered the bail to one hundred thousand dollars and Officer Orosco was able to make bail. The Protective League's legal committee agreed to provide Officer Orosco with a lawyer which is very, very expensive.

During trial "prep" it was discovered that the charges filed against Officer Orosco in count one, if convicted would be 35 years to life in prison. The D.A.'s office would not drop that count which was enacted by the legislature to be used against "Gangbangers." The D.A.'s office also refused to allow Officer Orosco to have a court trial. They wanted a "downtown" jury to hear the case.

Officer Orosco has a wife and two young children. He could not go to trial facing a life sentence. The D.A.'s office would allow him to "cop-out" to a lesser charge.

Officer Orosco did not have "due process of the law." He could not cross examine witnesses during a trial, because if convicted, he would be sent to jail for life. This case has numerous "issues." But he could not take the chance of never seeing his family again.

After Officer Orosco "pleaded out," the D.A.'s office had a press conference

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Nicholas J. Healing #16799
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
BORN: February 7, 1947
APPOINTED: February 23, 1971
RETIRED: December 17, 1992
DIED: March 10, 2001

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NAME: William A. Steinhart #10998
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific
BORN: June 6, 1940
APPOINTED: October 23, 1961
RETIRED: July 4, 1987
DIED: August 30, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Marshall V. Smith #6824
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Services
BORN: November 6, 1919
APPOINTED: May 1, 1951
RETIRED: February 22, 1972
DIED: September 17, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Ralph G. Smith #6112
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: A.I.D.
BORN: September 5, 1927
APPOINTED: February 1, 1949
RETIRED: July 28, 1969
DIED: September 19, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Edward R. Nelson #3667
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Bureau
BORN: February 26, 1921
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: January 25, 1972
DIED: September 24, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Arthur H. Brucker #5319
RANK: Policeman II+2
ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood - TE
BORN: June 2, 1925
APPOINTED: February 16, 1948
RETIRED: July 8, 1973
DIED: September 27, 2001

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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with the Police Department. L.A. County D.A. Cooley bragged that the "Roll-Out team" had convicted a corrupt police officer. I just wanted you to hear the other side of the story. Officer Orosco was "railroaded" by the system.

Be very careful out there. If the system puts a case on you it is very difficult to defend yourself against the government.

Again, I would like to thank the League for their help.

God bless,
O. E. Marlow
Detective 3 - RHD

Tributes to Former L.A. Police Officers

Just give me a minute. Historically we have produced some wonderfully human policemen...some you have heard of...some not.

MIX LEWIS..."Jim, I don't know where the name came from"...and he didn't know much of his family history, but he began to call attention to himself when, soon after the beginning of WWII, he became the light-heavyweight boxing champion of his division of the Navy. The real truth was that Mix was one of the most innocent, intelligent and quietly gentle men, except for the right cross. One of those marvelous WWII veterans who joined the LAPD as it employed the war weary, honest and productive group that joined the LAPD and offered to Chief William Parker, my idol, the opportunity to attack corruption within the community, and present to the world, the ideal organization of people dedicated to the honest enforcement of community rules.

"I am a deaf mute. I am large, strong and accustomed to fighting my way through the insults and assaults that accompany my personal problem throughout my life. I cannot find work. I join into a community of men and women with similar problems in the cheap housing area around Pico and Figueroa...and we defend ourselves, sometimes with great aggression. The police give us little help...and then this large, smiling, relaxed, policeman (Lewis, and joined later by Cliff Risher, now of Lake Elsinore), the first COP to learn to speak with his hands and understand us. My God! We had our defender,

who would judge us, our sins and as victims, with reason. His appetite for learning and his human understanding offered us a totally new position within our limited community. We adored him and defended him physically." Lewis was transferred to 77th area upon a divisional boundary split, joined with R. G. (Bob) Brown, and they demonstrated a theatrical, and sometimes humorous, presentation of how to deal with people's personal problems with warmth and intelligence. Mix left the department, became a businessman and retired a man of small means until a coronary attack while he jogged, took him from us. My God, I miss him, his large smile and infectious laugh...and his simple and productive solution to human problems. He liked people and listened to each person with great attention. He never lacked for friends.

You men, who reflect with honor upon us, are our defenders and our heroes. If you will let us we would attempt to tell you of our heroes of the past who, though not always with great drama, were the backbone of what you are now, still the finest police department in the world.

Maybe you would be interested in the story of super-strong Charles Bogardus, whose gun was taken from his hand and used to kill him soon after he had lost almost 100 pounds...in order to stay in "shape," or Sgt. Del St. John (now in Cypress) who could find something wrong with every report and every arrest and yet was in love with his division, his people and the department, or Sgt. Ed Gross, the handsome, gray-haired Master's degree earner, in a period when the Captains on the orals boards hadn't received their high school diplomas. Much loved, the SW Div. Coffee room was dedicated, soon after the station's opening, to him. (I'll bet that plaque was later removed by a brass person, someone ego-centered and enured to our history.) Thanks for listening.

Jim Williamson, 5687

Note: If we would be allowed to reminisce, we would be happy to describe the humans who were our most positive influences and helped us develop the warm community reputations that allowed us to move to the head of the line, as far as policing is concerned. We admire you...keep it up.

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world of harm to the officer and the Department. Your questions should be direct and require only a few words from the officer to answer. You do not want a wandering narrative from an officer recovering from an adrenalin dump. Let the experts handle it.

The "what happened?" mistake occurs so often that the League sent every member a little white plastic card specifically made to easily fit in your wallet to give you guidance on how to handle the public safety statement. It suggests the following procedure:

The first responding supervisor should state the following to the involved officer(s):

1. "Officer, I am ordering you to give me a public safety statement. Due to the immediate need to take action, you do not have the right to wait for representation before answering these limited questions."
2. "In what direction did you fire rounds?"
3. "If you know of anyone that is injured, what is their location?"
4. "If there are any outstanding suspects, (a) what is their description? (b) what is their direction of travel? (c) how long have they been gone? (d) what crime(s) are they wanted for? (e) what weapons are they armed with?"
5. "If there is any evidence that needs to be protected, where is it located?"
6. "Officer, in order to prevent the contamination of your statement, I order you to NOT discuss this incident with ANYONE, including other supervisors or staff officers, prior to the arrival of the assigned investigators, with the exception of your legal representatives."

The supervisor should then see to the officer's personal needs and maintain a calming atmosphere. The officer should not make any further statements to any-

one, including the assigned investigators or criminal investigators, until the arrival of his or her League representative.

If you happen to be the shooter officer and the first responding supervisor comes up to you and asks "what happened?" you should hear *warning bells*. This supervisor doesn't know what he or she is doing. Whip out your little plastic card and loan it to him or her. As the lawsuits start rolling in, you will be glad you did.

If you are not the shooting officer and anyone starts asking you questions, flip the card over and read the interrogator the questions listed on the card. It has the magic words that will insure that your statement is compelled. Just because you didn't pull the trigger doesn't mean someone can't decide that you did something wrong (even five years later). In today's LAPD, it doesn't pay to take any chances. Being compelled is free and it doesn't hurt anyone except those who want to hurt you.

Calling for Volunteers

The Department's new regulations for trainers who teach subjects to on-duty officers are so onerous and invasive that the training formerly provided by League attorneys to the Employee Representative's School cannot continue. But off-duty training will continue if there is an interest out there. Sergeant Paul Weber, an extremely experienced defense representative and current assistant OIC of the Officer Representation Section, and I are willing to provide training to officers interested in representing their fellow officers in personnel complaint interviews on an off-duty basis. The training would be at the League, perhaps on Saturdays, or after normal working hours. If you would be interested in attending such training, please call the League Legal Department at 213-251-4575 and get your name on the list.

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE

LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

by Tim Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

What happened on September 11 has changed everything.

It's not like we didn't know about terrorists or Osama Bin Laden. We even had our own Timothy McVeigh. It's not that we weren't prepared for hijackings; we just weren't prepared for jumbo jets to be hijacked and used as guided missiles. It's like Charles E. Schumer, the Congressman from New York, said: "In 1991, we had six people killed from the bombing at the World Trade Center, and we ignored it. In 2001, we had 6,000 people killed at the World Trade Center. If we ignore this, how long before terrorists get their hands on nuclear or biological weapons, and kill 6,000,000 people?"

We are now at war, make no mistake about it. However, this war is different

than any modern war we have fought. America is now a battleground. I think everyone knows that the holocaust that took place at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon on September 11 will not be the last. The New York policemen and firefighters who went into those buildings went in as policemen and firefighters, but really they died as soldiers in this undeclared war. Those brave heroes, as well as the brave men and women on Flight 93, and the thousands of innocent people who perished or were injured on September 11, 2001, were the first American casualties of this war. They will not be the last.

Law enforcement, as we know it, will now change forever. Like our brothers and sisters in New York, we are not just police officers, but we are now also soldiers in this war on terrorism. Law enforcement will be at the front lines in this war because most of the time we will be called upon as the "first respon-

ders" to domestic terrorist activity.

What will this role of "first responder" mean to law enforcement professionals? First and foremost, we will need new and substantial funding in the form of block grants to train and deploy new peace officers, and to backfill for those peace officers in the reserves who have been called up to active duty. Second, we will need new and extensive training. Few law enforcement professionals have any background in terrorist tactics and methods. We now need to look for a terrorist's activity, just as we look for illegal drug trafficking or other criminal wrongdoing. We may need to call in the bomb squad to search that illegally parked van, for example, rather than just citing it for towing. Third, we will need new equipment and be trained to use it properly. We will need to know how to look for car bombs, how to respond to biological or chemical attacks, how to use gas masks properly, how to administer atropine, and many other things. We need to understand that law enforcement itself will become a principal target for terrorist attacks, and we must be prepared for that contingency. Remember, we are the "first responders."

As if your job was not difficult enough, it will now become more difficult and very probably more dangerous. Many of the "first responders" in New York died trying to save innocent lives. You may well be in a similar situation, and you need to be as well trained, equipped, and as prepared as possible for that event. My job in the upcoming legislative session will be to get all the training and resources you will need to protect our citizens and our key facilities from terrorist attacks.

Fortunately, we have a governor who understands the mission of front line law enforcement, and who, I believe, will throw his considerable political weight into supporting you, the "first responders!" I also believe the legislative leadership, Senator John Burton, Speaker Bob Hertzberg, and Speaker-to-be, Herb Wesson, and Minority Leaders Dave Cox and Jim Brulte will back up the governor in a bipartisan way. If we have seen anything come about as a result of September 11, it's that this nation is united as never before and our unity is the single best weapon we can have in this war on ter-

rorism. However, it will not be easy.

Early indications from the Legislative Analyst put the state's economy in a recession and the state in a fiscal mess. Revenues are expected to be down \$5 to \$6 billion, perhaps even twice that if the sale of energy bonds is delayed. We went through a similar, no, even worse situation in 1992, when the state faced a \$14.2 billion deficit in the midst of a recessionary economy. We worked with Governor Pete Wilson and the Legislature to put the public safety sales tax, Proposition 172, on the ballot so we could keep cops on the street while avoiding massive station closures and layoffs. The voters responded, with nearly 70 percent approving Proposition 172.

Rank and file law enforcement—the "first responders"—will call upon the governor and the Legislature to enact a "New Proposition 172" to put a sales tax back on the ballot and provide the needed block grant public safety funding to protect our citizens from threats or harm from terrorism. The grants would be specifically targeted for law enforcement and firefighters for training and equipping existing personnel, in the war on terrorism, for deploying new personnel and for needed support services. We will need to raise \$4 to \$6 billion to fully fund this effort. Will this new proposition be successful? I have yet to talk to anyone who wouldn't support it—even my neighbor, "Tooltime," who is so fiscally conservative he would make Howard Jarvis blush—said he would support it "in a heartbeat." If Proposition 172 could draw almost 70 percent approval in 1992, I believe a "New Proposition 172" would draw at least an 80 percent approval today.

The public has a newfound appreciation for those men and women who serve in public safety. September 11, 2001, clearly brought home that message! The generous outpouring of love, support and contributions for the families of our New York brothers and sisters, who voluntarily went into harm's way to save lives, and gave their own, is unparalleled. The public has stepped up to the plate in a way that I've never seen before. We will ask our governor and our Legislature to do the same. I think they will.



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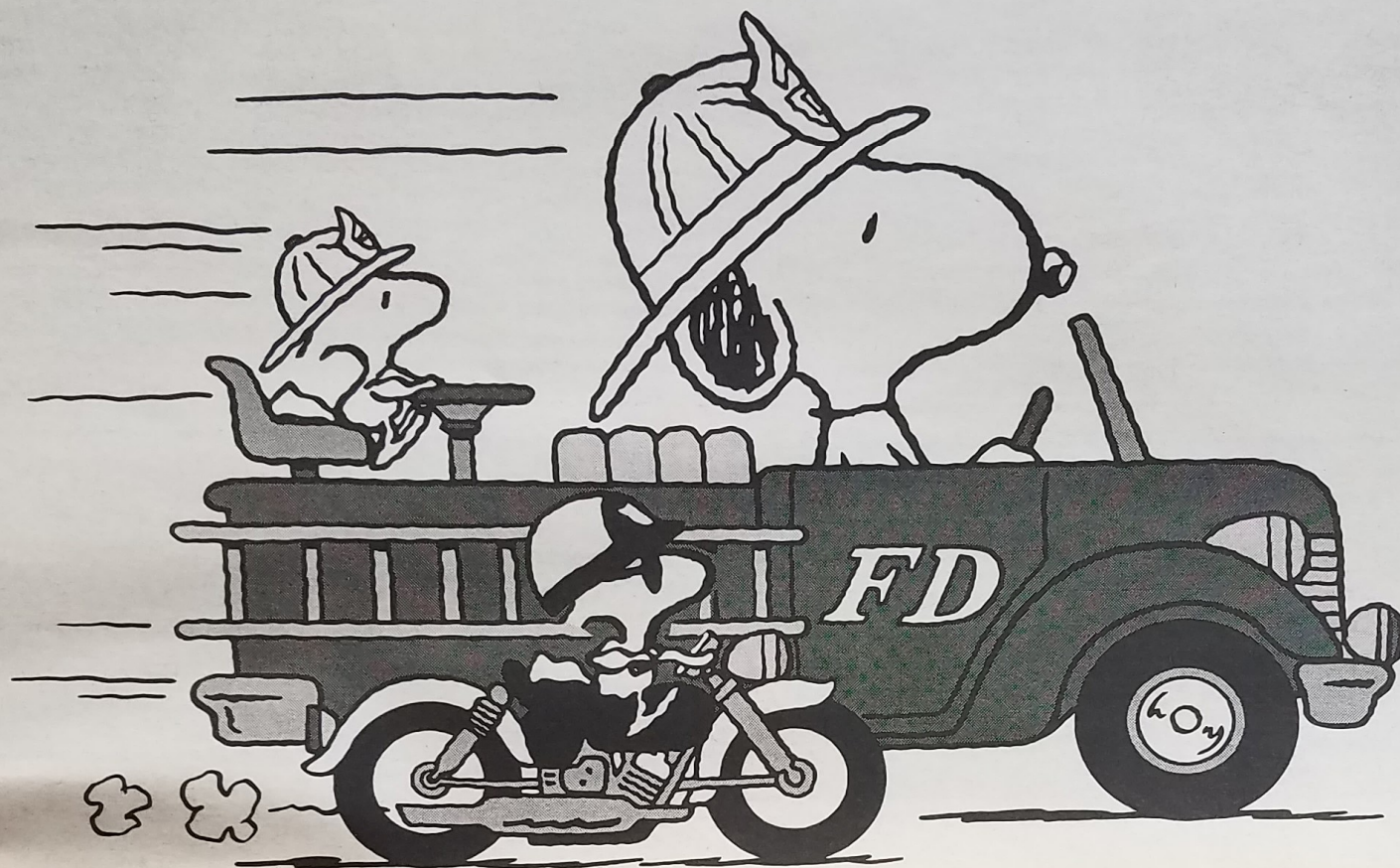
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Taking The Fifth – Part V

by Michael P. Stone

In preparing for trial in a civil case, lawyers utilize a variety of discovery devices to learn what the defendant(s) and their friendly witnesses will say, to memorialize testimony (i.e., to as much as possible "set" the testimony in concrete), and to focus or narrow the issues by eliminating uncontested facts from the pool of proofs that must be offered at trial to win. Secondary goals of such discovery may be to learn about the existence of other witnesses or evidence, or to develop impeachment of adverse parties or witnesses, or develop expert testimony to either promote it or impeach it. The common devices in civil cases for such discovery are five: (1) depositions; (2) subpoenas duces tecum; (3) notices to produce for inspection and copying

Could you, for example, assert the Fifth Amendment privilege in a civil deposition and refuse to answer questions on the grounds that the answers may incriminate you? Absolutely. But

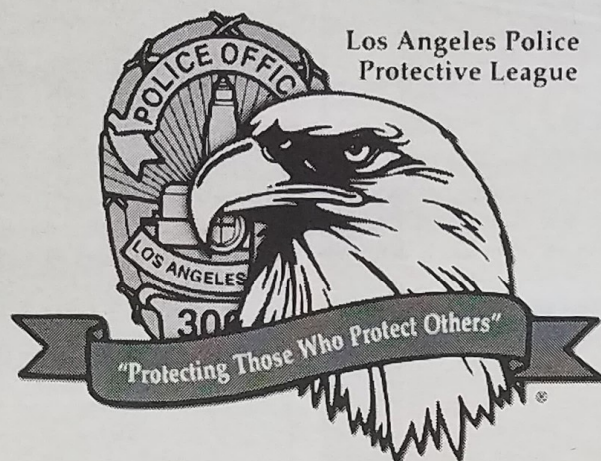
Getting back to our illustrative example, we have the officer who is sued in an excessive force case, and is afraid to answer for fear his answers may be used against him as admissions in the collateral criminal Civil Rights Division (Department of Justice) prosecution or grand jury presentation, his department's policy says nothing on the subject, and no supervisor is willing to stick out his

Stay safe.

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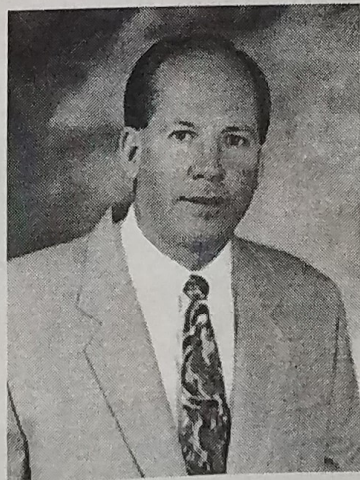
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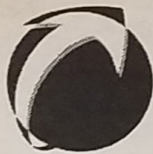
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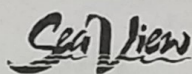
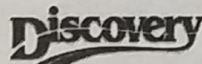
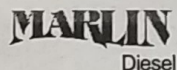
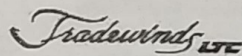
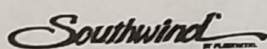
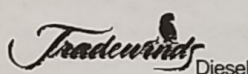


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The officer stood and faced his God.
Which must always come to pass.

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shining just as bright as the brass?

"Step forward now, Officer,
how shall I deal with you?"

Have you always turned
the other cheek?

To Church have you been true?"

The Officer squared his
shoulder and said:

"No, Lord, I guess I ain't
because all of us who carry badges
can't always be a Saint.

I've had to work most Sundays.
And at times my talk was rough.

And sometimes I've been violent
Because the streets are tough.

But I never took a penny that
wasn't mind to keep.

Though I worked a lot of overtime,
when the bills got too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,

though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God forgive me,

I've wept a human tear.

I don't deserve a place among
the people here.

They never wanted me around
except to calm their fear.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,

it needn't be so grand.

I never expected or had too much,
so if you don't...I'll understand."

There was a silence all
around the throne

where the saints often trod.

As the Officer waited quietly for the
judgment of God.

"Step forward now, Officer.

You've borne your burdens well.

Come walk a beat on Heaven's streets.

You've done your time in hell."

AMEN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OFFICER STEVE UNDERWOOD

GOD'S REWARD

It was difficult to say goodbye to everyone that day;
I'm just so sorry you had to find me that way.

From the moment you heard an officer down,

I heard all the prayers until I was finally found.

When you took your oath, placed your badge over your heart;
You knew this was a possibility, yet you didn't hesitate to start.

Now that it's happened to me, your feelings you cannot hide.

Those feelings of sorrow and grief, don't hold them inside.

Get mad, yell, scream, and shout if you must,

But when you're through, it's the law and God you must trust.

Remember it's only my body on earth that is gone.

There is much yet to do, you must remain strong.

Please always remember, and never forget,

Your vow to do your best, to serve and protect.

I had a purpose on earth, and now my task is through.

God's reward is priceless, I'm now an Angel in Blue!

Look at my death as a beginning, and not as an end.

My spirit will never leave you, for you are my friend.

By Christine Hester, Mother of Fallen LAPD Officer
Steven Gajda (EOW 1/1/98)

Returning the Favor

Dear Don:

I'm writing with a story about Juan Antonio Samaranch, who just stepped down as the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). In 1984 when Los Angeles hosted the 1984 summer Olympics, then president Samaranch

I ever got to Barcelona, Spain, his hometown. Twice I have been to Barcelona since 1984 and both times he was in Lausanne, Switzerland, where the IOC headquarters is located. Last July, my wife and I were in Lausanne and I was able to visit Juan Antonio Samaranch. He



Jerry and Vicki Good with Juan Antonio Samaranch.

was in Los Angeles to preside over the games. During the games, Samaranch's transportation and security was provided by officers from our department. I was one of the officers. Samaranch was very courteous and said to stop and see him if

remembered me and as always was a gracious host.

Enclosed is a picture taken of me, my wife (Vicki) and Juan Antonio Samaranch.

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The Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union Main Office, Academy, Jesse Brewer, and Manchester Branches will be closed on Friday, November 9, 2001, in observance of Veteran's Day and on Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, 2001, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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NAPOO Bulletin

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those lost in the September 11 tragedies in Pennsylvania, New York and Washington, D.C. We admire their heroism and mourn the loss of our members in the New York Police Department and in the Port Authority Police Department.

As our nation unites to make sense of these tragedies, Congress and the Administration have also united to develop an appropriate response. The NAPO office has been tracking all legislation impacting law enforcement, and we will continue to update you on the latest developments.

NAPO Urges the Use of Anti-Terrorism Legislation as a Vehicle for the Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act (H.R. 1744/S.899)

In the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, there are currently three competing anti-terrorism proposals that are being developed. The Bush Administration's proposal was outlined to the House Judiciary Committee by Attorney General John Ashcroft on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, and NAPO was invited to a briefing on the proposal by the Justice Department the previous week.

The Administration's proposal would accomplish the following: expand wiretap authority to the individual, not just a phone line; allow a court-issued warrant to transcend jurisdictions nationwide; allow for wider access to personal Internet information; allow service

providers to disclose Internet communication if a threat is foreseen; broaden the definition of "terrorist" to include those who give support to terrorist efforts; and lift the five-year statute of limitations on terrorist crimes. More controversially, the proposal would allow foreign wiretap information in U.S. criminal proceedings and would broaden the ability to detain immigrants.

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Representative John Conyers (D-MI) are developing proposals, which contain many of the Administration's less controversial points. Negotiations between the House, Senate and Administration are ongoing, with a final proposal expected next week.

NAPO has been working to ensure that these proposals include H.R. 1744/S.899, which would raise the base of the Public Safety Officers' Death Benefit to \$250,000. Through discussions with the Administration; the Department of Justice; Senators Leahy (D-VT), Biden (D-DE), and Hatch (R-UT); Representatives Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Ramstad (R-MN) and Kennedy (D-RI) and the House and Senate Judiciary Committee leadership, NAPO is doing everything it can to stress the importance of including these bills to support retroactively the families of these fallen officers.

Much like the powerful letter sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee by Bing Markee of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association, NAPO urges you to contact your Congressmen and Senators and ask them to support a terrorism bill that contains this PSOB legislation.

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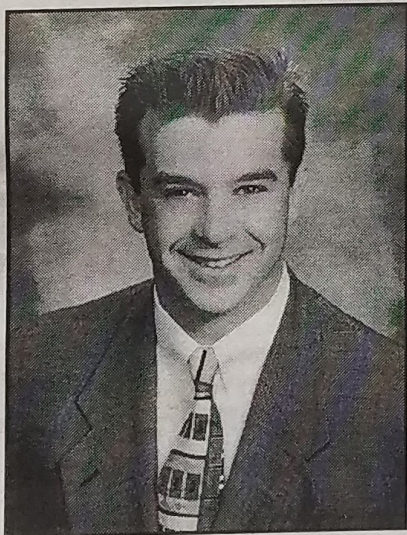
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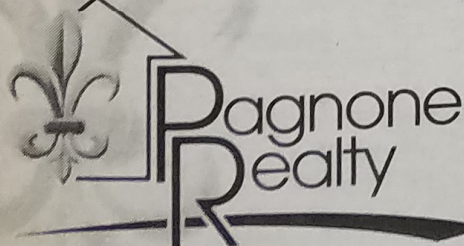
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William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation 11th Annual Golf Challenge

We are honored to Chair The William H. Parker Police Foundation's 11th Annual Fun-Raising Golf Challenge that will be held at the Braemar Country Club on November 5, 2001. We hope you will take a few minutes to read about the Parker Foundation's Special Event Fundraising Golf Tournament, their major source of funding for advanced training and the purchase of the latest technological crime fighting equipment.

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 Organization and was established as a memorial to Chief Parker in 1966. The Foundation is comprised of business and entertainment community leaders committed to enhancing the training opportunities to the members of our Police Departments. It, cannot be said too often, when you help your police department, you also help your city, your community and your family. We hope that you will join us in our fundraising efforts.

The Parker Foundation's purpose is to advance professionalism within our

police departments by funding specialized law enforcement training and advanced education to the men and women of our police departments. In addition, the Parker Foundation also provides funding to our police departments for the purchase of the latest technological crime fighting equipment. Our police officers, detectives and departments rely on the resources of the Parker Foundation because this specialized training and equipment purchases are not normally available through city budgeted programs.

The proceeds, from this special event fundraiser, will allow the Parker Foundation to send police officers to special advanced training in the areas of: Gang Investigations; Credit Card and Check Fraud; Child Abuse Investigations; Homicide Interrogation; Bi-Lingual Language Training; Hazardous Chemical Spills; Explosive Devices; K-9 Training; Narcotics; Sexual Abuse; Stalking Investigation; Riot Training and Crowd Control; and Community-Based Policing. Join over 250 entertainment and busi-

ness community members in spending the day golfing with Chief Bernard Parks and take your chances at winning: a new Ford Explorer compliments of Galpin Ford at the hole-in-one Contest; a trip for two to the big island of Hawaii which includes round trip airfare on American Airlines and five nights lodging at the Hilton Waikoloa Village; a trip for two to Orlando, Florida courtesy of US Airways plus a 3-day Alamo Rent A Car; see the Firearms Training System used by the LAPD; Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; and a host of other Door Prizes, Giveaways, Celebrity Special Guests and more.

It is our pleasure to invite you to be a part of this unique and effective Foundation. We would like to ask for your help in highlighting the work of the Parker Foundation's goals to enhance the quality of the Public Service provided by our police departments. Please make the most generous contribution you can, right now, to help the William H. Parker Police Foundation, and all those who rely so heavily upon it.

Thanks in advance for doing whatever you can to make this Special Event Fundraiser a continued success —

11th Annual Golf Challenge

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whether that's sponsoring one Tee or all of them. Your support will make a big difference in providing valuable training to the dedicated men & women of our police departments. ♦

California's Tracey Angeles Named the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Officer of the Month

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Tracey Angeles grew up in Boston, Massachusetts, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Boston University in 1989. After graduation, she joined a friend in a cross-country trek to the West Coast, where she applied for and was accepted into the Los Angeles Police Academy the following year. The residents of North Hollywood are fortunate this dedicated young woman headed west.

Early in her career, then Officer Angeles earned tremendous recognition from her department and peers. In 1993 she received the LAPD Commendation

for apprehending a bank robbery suspect and the following year she was awarded the LAPD Chief of Police Commendation for Achievement on Community and Employee Focus Groups.

In November, 1994, she was promoted to Detective I and shortly after was named the LAPD Detective of the Quarter while assigned to the Domestic Violence unit. Although she had investigated all types of crimes, including every type of assault, robberies as well as homicides, nothing could have prepared her for what she would face one sunny winter morning.

On February 28, 1997, two men dressed in full body armor, wielding AK-47 assault rifles robbed a bank on a busy street in Los Angeles. While attempting to escape, the suspects showered the community the hundreds of rounds of armor-piercing ammunition, injuring more than 20 individuals in the melee.

Det. Angeles and her partner had responded to an "officer needs help" radio call. Arriving at the scene they observed the suspects exit the bank and begin firing rounds into the crowd. In the exchange of gunfire, Det. Angeles and her partner, Officer Stuart Guy were hit. Det. Angeles, who had lost her radio, knew her partner was very seriously wounded and was losing blood rapidly. Determined not to leave him alone, she stayed crouched down 15 feet away reassuring him that help was on the way and encouraging him to hold on.

Throughout the ordeal, Det. Angeles remained calm in the center of this battle zone. When back-up arrived, she knowingly placed herself directly in the line of fire as she assisted in placing him in the rear of the police rescue vehicle. In the City of Angels, she was one angel who was the calm in the storm during one of the most shocking displays of criminal behavior as ever witnessed by the American public. Her courage, discipline and presence of mind on that chaotic day embody the finest traditions of law enforcement. For her selfless actions she was awarded the LAPD's Medal of Valor.

In October, 1997, Det. Angeles received the LAPD Police Commissioner/City Council Women of Courage Award and in September, 1998, received the LAPD Chief of Police Commendation for apprehending suspects for a series of robberies and rapes of women at ATM machines. She was promoted to Det. II in May, 1998.

As a single parent, Tracey has little spare time. Her personal life is devoted to her four-year-old son, Ryan, who was diagnosed with Autism one year ago. "He's my bud," she says. He is an interesting, fascinating friend."

Det. III John Coffey describes his young protégé as a "fireball. You give her an assignment and step aside until it is done. She does the work of two detectives with an intense drive to do the best job possible." "Her work ethic is outstanding. She works hard on the behalf of victims, yet she is polite, kind and tenacious. She is a number one professional," says Captain Robert Marbray of the North Hollywood Operations Support Division.

When discussing her career, Tracy Angeles says, "I enjoy working as a detective, putting serious criminals away. I like working the case all the way through to conviction and I like helping people who are unfamiliar with police procedures to understand what it's all about. I want to give satisfaction to the families of the victims. There is nothing more rewarding than saying to the victim, 'The case is closed. You can put this behind you.' That's why I do this job."

Located in our nation's capital, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers. The Fund, which was authorized by Congress to build and maintain the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, pays special tribute to the more than 15,000 officers who have died in the line of duty dating back to 1792. The NLEOMF Officer of the Month Program, which began in 1996, recognizes federal, state and local officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary law enforcement service and devotion to duty. ♦

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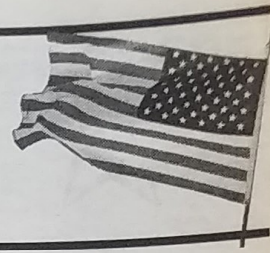
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VETERAN'S CORNER



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American Legion News

Commander Bill Zimmerman

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
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Post #817
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Panorama City, CA 91402
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Adjutant Frank Ortiz
160 N. Glendora Avenue
Covina, CA 91724
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by J. J. Leonard

I just spoke with a former Commander of Police Post #381 (1982-83) and an old friend, Max K. Hurlbut. I thought you might enjoy reading about Max because he is quite an interesting man. Max draws three pensions: LAPD, Alaska and the United States Army. He had 25 years with LAPD and left the U.S. Army as a mustang; Private to Lieutenant Colonel, an 18A (Special Operations Officer) out of Fort Bragg. Max parachuted from "Caribous" with the "Royal Thai Border Patrol Police," setting up ambushes for narcotics caravans and penetrations by the Vietnamese Army, who were then chasing the Khmer Rouge out of Cambodia. (Max stated, with cheer in his voice, that he and his teams were taking Vietnamese Communist scalps several years after the rest of us left.) He was personally decorated by the King of Thailand, at the National Palace, as "Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant." Lt. Gen. J. T. Scott, Commanding General of the United States Special Operations Command, commended Max for "tough foreign service in the shadows...." Max also tested parachutes for the British Royal Air Force and became parachute-qualified in 15 armies on all continents. More importantly, he holds USMC/Navy jump wings!

Max said, "There were several high points that stand out in his past: joining the LAPD during its Golden Era, being accepted into Special Forces, meeting his lovely wife, Hueih-Hueih (he married the Colonel's daughter while Advisor to the Chinese Army Special Warfare Command), and downing an irritated elephant from several yards away in the rain forest of the Northern Congo. But his proudest moment remains escorting the Torchbearer into the Coliseum, for the '84 Olympics, at the head of the Motorcycle Drill Team. (Editor's note: I have to agree with Max, since I was on the drill team at the same time.) The Motorcycle Drill Team was, and is, the finest group of men-under-arms I have ever known. My project, as Post Commander, was to resurrect the old disbanded Motorcycle Drill Team. It became possible only through the support of Chief Daryl Gates, Commander Bill Rathburn, and especially members such as yourself, J.J. Herbert "Pinky" Meredith, George Hofstetter, Frank Ortiz, and others. I became the oldest graduate of the Motorcycle Riding School, as it was felt the Team Captain should be a riding position." Max left

L.A. in 1985 to troubleshoot problem departments. He became Chief of Police of Kodiak and Director of Public Safety of Whittier, Alaska. He worked the Aleutian Chain and implemented a VPSO (Village Public Safety Officer-Native Police) Program on St. George, the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea. He dropped into the geographic and magnetic North Poles with a Canadian Army expedition. Max's final job was as City Marshal of Tombstone, for reform mayor. Max fired deputies with arrests for homicides, rape, and discharge from the military for drug use. He accomplished much, but sadly states that it was not without a price. His second-in-command was found mysteriously shot to death and narcotics money has corrupted the local government. In the 1880s, the Earps rode against cattle rustled across the border. More than a century later, narcotics are being smuggled north, and money and weapons go south. Little seems to change. Note: Max has finally (I THINK) retired and he and Hueih-Hueih are now living in Washington. If you would like their address, contact me for it. (Editor's note: There will be more to follow on Max. I didn't want to dedicate the whole space to Max. Although he deserves it.)

September Meeting

On September 18, 2001, the Los Angeles Police Post #381 had their monthly meeting at the Panorama City Post, 13553 Reedley St. Once again, only a \$5 donation for an outstanding home cooked dinner. This time Frank Ortiz, Police Post Adjutant, volunteered to cook since Joe Albright is currently at home recuperating from surgery, job related. Frank brought in spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert, etc. It was outstanding. I think everyone had two plates. We were all stuffed. We are all hoping that Joe Albright heals soon. We miss him.

Welcome Recruit Class #9-01

On September 21, 2001, J. J. Leonard and Dennis Denols welcomed the new police recruit class. There were seven with military service. Six of the seven joined Police Post #381. The seventh is a member of Woodland Hills Post, but we are working on a transfer. Here are our new comrades: Chris Formby (USMC), Javier Hernandez (USMC), Eric MacLennan (USMC), Sha Ratnapala (USMC) Post 826, Edwin Rosin (USAF), Arturo Urrutia (USMC), and Marcos Villanueva (USMC). Welcome aboard!

Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team

The Drill Team's next appearance will be on October 6, 2001, in Van Nuys Division. The "L.A. Valley Pride Parade" will start at 10:00 a.m. on Victory Blvd. and Haskell Avenue. The parade will continue westbound ending at Woodley Avenue. If you are planning on attending, I suggest you get there early, because normally the Drill Team starts out approximately 20 minutes prior to the parade starting. For a good position, at least a block away from the starting point. At the end of the parade there will be a "fair" in Woodley Park.

If you're not doing anything on the first Tuesday of the month, the Drill Team practices up at Dodger Stadium, 1130 hours.

"Sneak Attack" by Sgt. Dale Turner, VTD

On December 7, 1941, while soldiers, sailors and Marines prepared for a relaxed Sunday day of rest, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the Empire of Japan. After the surprise attack and while Japanese sailors and airmen celebrated their victory, Admiral Yamamoto warned his fellow countrymen that he feared that they had awakened a "sleeping giant."

Admiral Yamamoto's fears proved to be a reality. The "sleeping giant" did awaken in the form of American power, resolve and commitment to bring to an end two world powers—Germany and Japan. No one, not even our closest allies, could have imagined the power, commitment and resolve of the American fighting man and the American people. We were truly united.

After the end of World War II, the giant resumed his role as the complacent "sleeping giant." His sleep would be restless with nightmares of Korea, Cuba Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Lebanon, Beirut, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf War along with many heart-wrenching incidents like the USS Cole and nearly one hundred incidents of terrorism against the United States each year. Many of these incidents received little or no news coverage. But the giant continued to sleep hoping that there would be no more nightmares, wishing that the last incident would bring no more.

On September 11, 2001, the "sleeping giant" was thrown out of bed and awakened once again. The "sleeping giant" no longer sleeps and will not return to his complacent, and at times restless, sleep until he has once again, as he did 60 years ago, bring the might and power of this great nation down upon our enemies. The power, might and resolve of the American people has once again been called upon. We must remain united in our quest for victory.

The United States of America declared war on terrorism, and it is my opinion that this means all terrorists, foreign and domestic. This is the free worlds and our country's opportunity to rid, once and for all, those people and states, if given the opportunity, would destroy our way of life. We the people of this great nation that live, in the form of a complacent "sleeping giant" must stand united and use the examples set forth by our parents and grandparents when they too were awakened 60 years ago.

Sacrifices will be made by all and in many cases will be great and heartbreaking. Most will give some. But some will give all to this test of American resolve as we move forward to victory. When it comes time for the great giant to assume his role once again as the "sleeping giant." Let us not allow him to become complacent. He must remain strong as he sleeps ready to meet any threat that challenges our way of life. I remain Semper Fidelis to God, country and corps. God bless America. (Note: the above article was written on September 6, 2001. Significant world events may have occurred since this article was prepared and I may not get the chance to update prior to printing. For that I apologize. My heart-filled sympathy and words of praise reaches out to all the brave men and women of New York and Washington, D.C. Particularly to all the firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel. Thank you, you are all American heroes.)

The next meeting of Police Post #381 will be on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is October 16, 2001. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. or 1800 hours. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. or 1900 hours with the regular meeting to follow. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location: Panorama City Post located at 13553 Reedley St., Panorama City.

For information on the meeting, please call Commander Bill Zimmerman, (818) 342-3645, or Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271, or J. J. Leonard with any info for this page at (323) 344-9445. ♦

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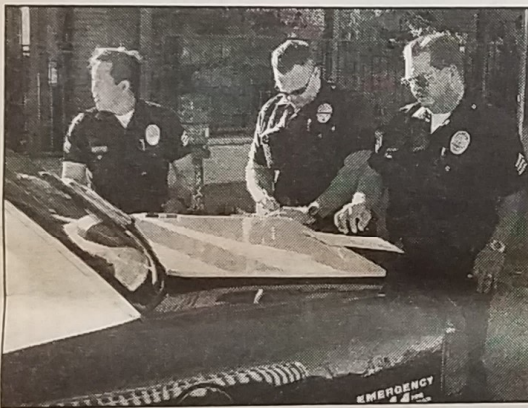
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Whatz Up With Wilshire

by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

United we Stand

On September 11, 2001, the United States of America came under attack. None of us will ever forget where we were and what we were doing at that time the attack was in progress. I know for me that my story is very unusual and if I may, I would like to share it briefly. I was in New York when the first plane hit the WTC. Like most of you I watched it unfold on television. I could not believe my eyes that someone evil had the



Sgt. Kim, Officer Ashcraft and Sgt. Blum at the C.P.

audacity to attack our soil but that soon turned to realization. Three days before the attack, my fiancée came up with the idea to drive back to Los Angeles. I told her that we already had a flight scheduled at 8:30 a.m. to fly out of JFK on September 11. She told me to go down to the airport and try and see if the airline will give me a refund for the flight and get a rental car. Well, I was able to do both. So on September 11, I went down to the airport and the attack occurred. At this point it was still unknown if this was actually a terrorist attack so I was able to get my rental and began

to drive out of New York. During the drive across America, all that was on the radio was the attack on us. American flags were draped everywhere and it was a constant reminder of what had happened. We stayed in different towns during our drive back and it was great to see people just being nice. It did not matter where we were from or where we were going. You could look into their eyes and just know that they were feeling the same rage and pain. You wanted to talk about it but at the same time you just wanted it to go away. We made it safe back to L.A., and I don't think I will ever forget my September trip to New York. I love this country, and I am proud to be an American. God bless all those involved in the rescue efforts of over 6,000 lives lost.

This is a list of the officers of the third quarter:

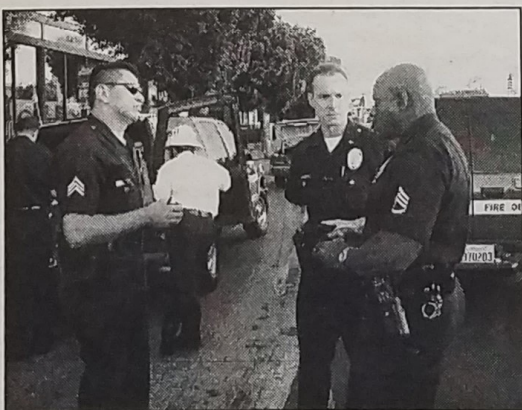
Detective of the Quarter—**Carlton Lawrence**. Det. Lawrence works in Autos and is always available to answer questions regarding impounds.

Supervisor of the Quarter—**Sgt. Alfred Labrada** is attached to the Bicycle Unit. Wait, let me do that again. Sgt. Labrada is attached to wherever and whenever they need him any given day.

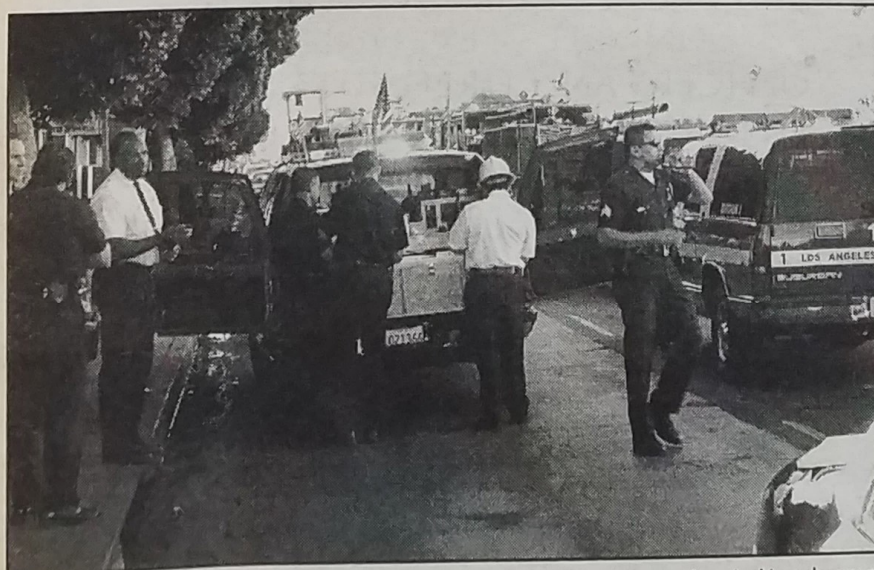
Officers of the Quarter—**Officer James Talmage** and **Officer Sylvia Sanchez** are assigned to Wilshire Patrol.

Special Enforcement Officer of the Quarter—**Officer Janine Manji (P-3)** is assigned to Wilshire Gang Detail.

Congratulations to all the above listed people. For more information on the above listed officers, see the wall just outside the kit room. Your photos look great.



Sgt. Labrada, Lt. Eisenberg and Sgt. Bell at the C.P.



LAFD Command Post, set up in response to officer help call re: unknown chemical in subway at Wilshire & Western.

Arrivals

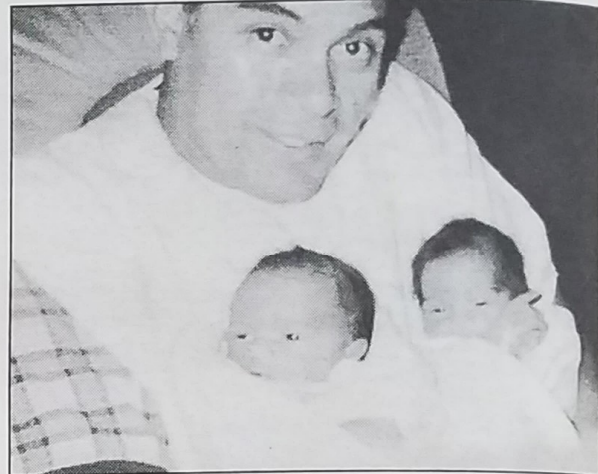
We would like to welcome the following people to the busiest Division in the city of Los Angeles. **Sgt. Tran**, #30680, has left ND as a detective and has come to Wilshire Patrol. **Sgt. Hom**, #30475, is leaving WTD. That's about it for the arrivals. Good luck to our new supervisors.

Departures

The following people will be leaving us and attempting to better themselves in a different part of the city. Good luck to all of you.

Sgt. Vandenberg, #23894, is going to SID. **Officers Escobedo** and **Reyes** are done with the short tour of Wilshire Div. and on their way back to Metro. Thanks for coming and giving us some of your expertise. **Officer Manjarrez**, #35589, is going to COMM.

I would like to take a second and congratulate **Officer Manjarrez** and **Officer Luna** on their recent engagement. Good luck to both of you and we

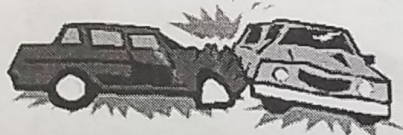


Officer Reyes and wife Luz welcome Sabrina T. (0620 hrs, 4.6 lbs., 16 1/2" long) and Samantha A. (0740 hrs, 5.2 lbs., 19" long) Reyes.

will expect pictures in the near future. I would also like to extend a congratulations to **Officer Reyes** (Retired Marine Corps) whose son has enlisted in the Armed Services and is said to be doing well. Good luck to both father and son.

Wilshire Detectives go unnoticed much of the time but I would like to take the time to thank them for all the hard work they have been doing especially being as short-handed as they are. Again, thank you.

VTDvoice



by Kurt Garcia
Valley Traffic Division

Can you believe it? We are just about to close another chapter on 2001, which means the Christmas party is almost here. Mark your calendars for December 15. This year's event will be held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. The station fund committee has reserved a block of rooms at discounted rates for those of you who don't want to drive home after the party. It includes a free breakfast buffet. Your station fund committee will keep you posted on upcoming information.

Divisional Logo

VTD is looking for a divisional logo to show our traffic pride. The Station Fund Committee is asking every VTD employee (sworn and civilian) to submit a design by December 3rd. The winning design will receive two tickets to the Christmas party. Please keep in mind that the logo must be approved by the C.O.P. This logo will be used on mugs, golf shirts, etc.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for our newly promoted Motor Officers **Willie Durr** and **Paul "The Cultivator" Wunderle**.

New Birth Arrivals

Congratulations to the following individuals on their new birth arrivals:

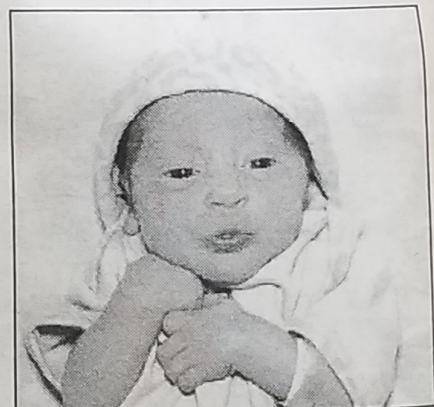
Anthony Sciarrino and his wife, Tracy, who had a boy named Nicolas

Sciarrino (pictured) weighing 5 lbs., 5 oz. and 21-1/2 inches long.

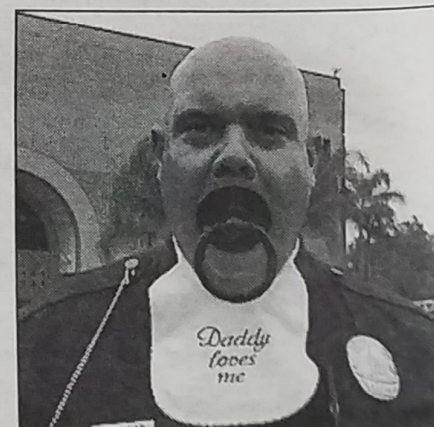
Chad Dellinger and his wife **Alisa**, who had a boy named **Caden Dellinger**, weighing 8 lbs. and 20 inches long.

Juanita Medina (CIFU) who had a baby boy named **Rolando Medina**.

Last, but not least, **Connor MacIvor**

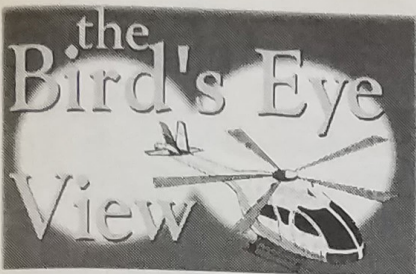


Nicolas Sciarrino.



"Aiden" MacIvor.

and his wife, **Paris**, who had a boy named **Aiden Blade MacIvor**, measuring 21-1/2 inches long and weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. Connor sent me a picture of Aiden wearing a bib.



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

September 11, 2001

Air Support morning watch sat in the roll call room in disbelief as they watched the tragic events unfold live from New York City. After the second jet crashed into the second tower of the World Trade Center, it was very clear that our country was under attack by at that time an unknown enemy. We immediately launched an aircraft to patrol the

city. Soon thereafter all aircraft nationwide were grounded and unable to take off. Our aircraft were able to remain in the air and continue to patrol Los Angeles until they were low on fuel. Within hours, ASD went to A/B watches. For the next five days, Air Support had multiple aircraft flying patrol 24 hours a day. In addition, our Huey was deployed at Dodger Stadium for any specialized missions that might arise. ASD was indeed ready to support all of you for any mission. Air Support appreciated all of the officers from Central, Northeast, and Hollenbeck that were assigned to Piper Tech as additional security during that week of A/B watches.

All of us at Air Support Division send our condolences to the family and friends of all of the victims from these terrorist acts. We are particularly thinking about our brother and sister officers from the NYPD during this difficult time.

officers could not locate the warrant file. They requested assistance from Newton Area detectives in an effort to resuscitate the case. Newton Detectives **Lewis**, #17515, and **Cortez**, #27761, doggedly endeavored to recreate the aged criminal case. They identified and located the victim and witnesses, and ensured that they were in court to identify the suspect. Good work!

A New Meaning to Vacation

Newton Officers **Frank Banuelos** and **John Knighton** decided to take a vacation to the East Coast during Deployment Period 9. I don't have to repeat what happened on September 11, 2001.

Both Frank and John attempted to volunteer at "ground zero," but were denied access. Only because, as Frank

Commendable Capers

The Newton Tradition Continues. On September 20, at approximately 1840 hours, Newton Area Officers **Olivas**, #31242, and **Gonzalez**, #33026, were in their police vehicle traveling southbound on the Golden State (5) Freeway near Fourth Street when they observed a vehicle struck another vehicle due to a tire "blow out," and then careened into a concrete wall. The vehicle overturned onto its driver's side and burst into flames.

The officers immediately stopped to lend assistance. Using their fire extinguisher, they were able to force the flames away from the passenger and rescued him. However, after exhausting the contents of their fire extinguisher, the fire re-ignited. Fortunately, a civilian passer-by, equipped with a fire extinguisher, assisted the officers. The fire was controlled long enough to allow the officers to rescue the driver of the vehicle by pulling her to safety through the broken windshield of her car. The vehicle then exploded and became completely engulfed in flames. Due to the swift actions of the officers, this potentially fatal accident only resulted in the female driver sustaining second degree burns to 9 percent of her body and lacerations to her knees. The other victims escaped injury.

Sounds like a medal to me. Great job! *Seasoned Detectives Clear an Aged But Active Case.* During this reporting period, Newton Area detectives were notified that Detective Services Division (DSD) personnel had arrested a suspect for a 1992 attempt murder case in which he shot and paralyzed the victim in a dispute involving a love triangle. DSD had been looking for the suspect in Mexico and the United States for nine years, and finally arrested him in Southeast Division. However, the



Frank, John and Officer Tom Kelly (center).

said, "There were thousands of volunteers already working." Frank and John volunteered their services nearby. They were assigned to help guard New York City Fire Department equipment several blocks away. And, that's when they met one of New York's finest, Officer **Tom Kelly**, of Mid-Town South. When Officer Kelly realized that Frank and John were from LAPD, he asked them if they would like to see "ground zero."

Frank said it was a very sobering moment when confronted with this incomprehensible sight.

Thanks for making us proud, Frank and John.

Newton Officers Off to Do a Little Payback

Officers **Jaye**, U.S. Air Force, **Marshallburn**, U.S. Army, **Cruz**, U.S. Navy and Probationary Officer **Ibanez**, U.S. Marine Corps.

Keep the sand and pebbles out of your boots and your powder dry. Good luck and hurry back. Your family and Newton family misses you.

TFO Wings

On September 9th, **Brian Shipstad** completed his four months of training and received his Tactical Flight Officer Wings. Brian's family and friends attended the ceremony. Brian worked very hard to achieve this goal and all of us at ASD are lucky to have such a quality officer as a part of our team. Congratulations, Brian, and welcome to Air Support Division.



(L-R) Captain Mike Hillmann, Brian Shipstad and Rick Loeffler (Chief TFO).

Airborne Law Enforcement Association National Convention

This year's ALEA National Convention was held in San Antonio, Texas, from August 8-12. **Coley Maddigan**, **Jim Weigh**, **Deb Kickbush**, and **Jim Heintzman** attended the convention and were able to participate in numerous classes. Some of the topics included crew resource management, rescue operations, video downlink technolo-

law enforcement issues and equipment.

ASD Tip of the Month

Now that each division has a separate "simplex frequency" available for tactical information to be exchanged, we are requesting that when you observe an air unit at a call or you know that an air unit is enroute, one of the partners switch to the "simplex frequency." This will help expedite communication between you and the air unit. LAPD Access 51 is still available and can also be used. Some TFOs may continue to use "the access





(L-R) Coley Maddigan, Jim Weigh, Deb Kickbush and Jim Heintzman.

gy, and pursuit tactics. In addition to attending classes, they were able to meet with vendors from all over the world who have their products on display. All four officers traveled to Texas at their own expense in order to expand their knowledge of current airborne

channel" for certain situations, particularly when multiple divisions are involved with an accident. Always watch your six.

God bless America.

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Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

National Tragedy

In September the United States was dealt the hardest blow we'll probably ever see in our lifetime. The attack on the U.S. not only affected the American people, but it affected people all over the country and in many different ways. We will always remember where we were when we heard about (or saw) the airplanes tragically and intentionally crash into the World Trade Center. I remember standing in the Watch

Officer **Derek Brown** had t-shirts made in support of NYPD and NYFD. The shirts sold for \$15 each, and over a two-week period (at press time) they had already collected several hundred dollars. Every little bit helps! So, if you haven't had the opportunity to make a donation, or are afraid your donation



Sgts. Delaney Jones and Brian Whitten display the (back of) the T-Shirts for sale at Pacific Area supporting New York Police & Fire Departments.



A few members of the LAX Command Post (L to R): Capt. Bill Williams, Sgt. Mark Pompano, Sgt. Greg Glodery, Sgt. Partridge, Sgt. Helen Dunkin, Lt. Joe Peyton, Capt. Wallace Graves, Sgt. Adam O'Neil & (me) Officer Cheri Roberts.

Commander's office watching the first tower burn, all of us wondering if it was accidental or terrorism. Then actually seeing the second airplane fly into the second tower caused my heart to drop to my stomach and a chill in my spine. "It's terrorists," we all thought, as we stood there in complete disbelief. I can't imagine what the people on those planes had to be thinking and going through their last few minutes of their lives. I think (in our own ways we have all grieved for the people who lost their lives, as well as the families of those victims. I know there are many officers on this department who would have loved the chance to go to New York and help with the "rescue efforts," but were not able due to family and financial commitments. So, we did the next best thing—FUNDRAISERS! Collecting money that would go directly to the New York Police & Fire Widow's and Children's Fund was on everyone's mind. Here at Pacific, Sgt. **Craig Brown** and (brother)



Sgt. Helen Dunkin works undercover Vice at a truck stop in Newton Division.

might go through too many hands before it actually gets to New York, make your donation through Pacific Area by purchasing a t-shirt. ALL proceeds go directly to above fund. Please contact Pacific Area admin. office at (310) 202-4571. (Make checks payable to Pacific Area Station Fund.)

Improvise and Overcome

The Los Angeles airport was the intended destination for three of the airplanes, which were taken over by terrorists. This caused major concern for LAX, as well as Pacific Area, as the airport is in our division. As soon as we realized we were being "attacked by terrorists," Capt. **Graves** called a meeting in the Watch Commander's office, and a Command Post was set up immediately. Officer **Kurt Kahoe** went to the U.O. van, removed all needed materials, and we took over Lt. Mossler's office. Officer Kahoe and Sgt. **Chris Costley** began the Intel and planning. Sgt. **Helen Dunkin**, Sgt. **Mark Pompano** and myself began working on logistics. D-3 **Sue Willis** got the chore of traffic coordination (just how did she get that job?), and Capt. Graves commanded the entire post. The decision was made to evacuate the airport, so Lt. **Bill Hart** and Sgt. **Kelly Shea** went to work. A tactical alert was called and a staging area was set up at Westchester Park. We now had officers from all over the Department arriving to assist with prevention of (or God forbid immediate response to) any additional terrorist activity. We had detectives, motors, K-9s, the Bomb Squad, Anti-Terrorist Division, Airport Police, D.O.T., and the FBI on hand to use as needed (not that we were telling the FBI what to do). After a couple of days, the LAPD Mobile Field Force semi truck was deployed, with Lt. **Markloff** and Lt. **Joe Peyton** taking the command. Needing to work very close with Airport Police, Chief **Bernard Wilson**, Capt. Graves, and Lt. **Richard Mossler** returned to command admin., where Sgt. **Brian Whitten** left off. The staging area was moved to the RTC, and an "Airport Cadre" of officers was set up for the command post for the next three weeks. Sgt. **Steve Gottschalk** handled morning watch, Sgt. (I know who you are and where you work) **Adam O'Neill** and SLO **Heidi Llanes** took on P.M. watch, and Sgt. **Mike Carodine** and Sgt. Helen Dunkin (along with their awesome crew) commanded day watch. Clerk Typist **Maria Sayoto** assisted with anything and everything, and thank God for the PSRs assisting with the log and radio (sorry, I don't know all your names). Sgt. **Greg Glodery** (who knows the airport like the back of his hand) was empowered with perhaps one of the most important tasks—making sure everyone received their "blue meal ticket," and keeping the water cold

(in addition to other "stuff"). Although there was a small amount of whining, moaning and groaning from officers and supervisors alike, all in all it went pretty smooth. With communication, planning and execution we can do anything! I know Capt. Graves would like to thank everyone at Pacific for their hard work, dedication, and ability to "improvise" at a moment's notice. On behalf of Pacific Area (and Capt. Graves), I would like to thank everyone who was assigned to LAX, or was a part of it in any way, over the past several weeks. Your assistance was greatly appreciated by not only your peers, but by the citizens we protect as well. God bless! (Note: I apologize for any names I've forgotten or couldn't fit.)

Golf Tournament Success

Although the tragic events of September 11th were on everyone's minds, the Pacific Area Boosters Golf Classic went on as scheduled, and was as successful as ever. Though some Pacific Area personnel were unable to participate due to the LAX closure, the tournament had over 100 players and several corporate sponsors. Thanks to all who participated in this worthy event. The proceeds help support the youth programs at Pacific Area.

Movin' Up

Congratulations go out to the following people who recently promoted: Sgt. **Angela Peoples** who went to SW, Senior Clerk Typist **Kimberly Smith** who went to WLA, Senior Clerk Typist **Maria Sayoto** who went to Office of Finance, and Sgt-2 **Helen Dunkin** who went to IAG (hopefully IAG knows how lucky they are to have you there. We're going to "steal" you back as soon as we can!) Best of luck to you all!

Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Sgt. **Savals** in from DEV, Officer **Mitchell** in from CENT, Officers **Huerta** and **Jackson** over from COMM, and Secretary **Twana Cole-Gowala** in from City Ethics Commission.

Sayin' Goodbye

We say goodbye to Officer **Eric McDaniel** who recently resigned and went to Portland Police Department. Eric finished his last several months on the department assigned to the ALPO Unit at Pacific OSD. It seems clear to me that we're losing more and more of our best officers. Maybe the Chief should look into the fact that Mayor Hahn just might be right about that compressed work schedule.

Holiday Season

Hope you had a safe and happy Halloween! Here's wishing you all a "splendiferous" Thanksgiving holiday! Have fun shopping for those Christmas goodies, too. Stay safe!

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North Hollywood News

by Angie Hougen
North Hollywood Area

PALS Banquet

The 33rd Anniversary East Valley Police Community Partnership Luncheon was held on October 4th at the Sportsmen's Lodge. The Luncheon



John Smith, Officer of the Year.



Theresa Gordon, North Hollywood Detective of the Year.

recognizes the officers, civilians, Explorers, volunteers, and community members, who help make North Hollywood a great place to live and work. This year's keynote speaker was City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, who promised to streamline his office, improve his offices' response to community problems, and save taxpayers money. We thank him for participating in our luncheon and wish him continued success.

Congratulations to **John Smith**, #24687, our Officer of the Year, and **Theresa Gordon**, #27033, our Detective of the Year. Both are hardworking, dedicated members of North Hollywood. Our Civilian Employee of the Year is **Danielle Statland**, #N1188. North Hollywood's Reserve of the Year is **Peter Feldman**, #R2887, and our Explorer of the Year is **Jessica Morales**. Thank you, Peter and Jessica, for volunteering hundreds of hours this year and every year to our community.

We also honored the Detectives of the Quarter. Congratulations go out to: Sgt. **David Dolan**, #24779, **John Hurd**, #25719, **Holly Berdin**, #30574, and **Dave Tomlin**, #25200.

Finally, our Officers of the Month from October, 2000, to September, 2001, are as follows: **Angie Hougen**, #25644, **Reuben Derma**, #17633, **Eric Peltier**, #33498, **Michael Paris**, #30846, Sgt. **Walter**



North Hollywood's Officers of the Month.

Teague, #27451, **Jon Healy**, #32855, **Claude Guiral**, #26465, **Josie Torres**, #31699, **John Smith**, #24687, **Marc Pooler**, #25194, **Marlon Lindsey**, #30781, and **Kevin Turner**, #31615.

This event was a huge success and would not have been possible without

the hard work of **Harry Van Vorst**, #22245, and Sgt. **Bill Martin**, #20299. Thank you for another successful year for our East Valley Police Activity League Supporters.

Mud Run Participants



North Hollywood's Mud Run Participants.

On September 9, North Hollywood competed in the Mud Run. Patrol finished in the top 10. Congratulations to **Maria Frommeling**, #34276, **Craig Suzuki**, #33285, **Dan Tanner**, #35744, and **Roger Watson**, #31393. Also competing was the SEU Unit, who were there "for the fun of it." Team members included **Carlos Camacho**, #32736, **Eric Bonner**, #33835, **Hyung Cho**, #31888, and **Jerry Fritz**, #33555.

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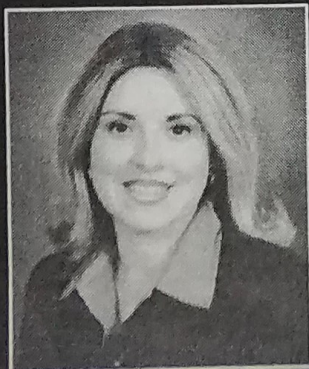
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Northeast corner

by Susan Loera
Northeast Division

New Arrivals

Magda Tellechea gave birth to a baby boy on August 30, 2001. The baby is healthy and strong, weighing in at 7 lbs. and 11 oz. and 20-1/2 inches. Magda has not yet given a name to her son, but they are both doing great. Congratulations to the Tellechea family.

Commendable Capers

On 10/4/01, Officer **Lenny Ramirez** and Officer **Galindo** responded to a landlord tenant dispute. At the location officers were confronted with a hostile individual. Yet, the outstanding investigation skill of the officers led to the recovery of guns, ammo, PCP, large amount of crystal meth, cocaine, and U.S. currency and the arrest of a career criminal. Great job!

Officer **Kong** has been working hard with the Atwater Community to take back the area from local gang members. On August 18th, Officer Kong, along with many members of the Atwater Community, began to clean the area, wiping out much of the gang graffiti. Thus, sending out a positive message to the community and a strong point to the gang members. Congratulations to the good citizens in Atwater and thank you Officer Kong for being a strong community officer.

Northeast Picnic

The Area picnic was held on August 12th at the academy. The turnout was great and the picnic was a blast. Thank you to those that took the time to come out with their families. I would also like to acknowledge the members of the committee that put together the day for us. A special thanks goes to **Cynthia French** and **Annette Popper**. They both spent the entire day playing with the children and chasing balls on the track.

Fundraisers

"Marta's Cosina" and "Ed's Kitchen" opened last month; both located in the NOE Detective area. **Marta Ramos** is notorious for her delicious chilaquillas and **Ed Wilson** can stir up the best omelet in town. Detectives put together

the separate fundraisers and brought in a good profit for the station fund. Both establishments received an "A" from the captains. Great job!

Coming, Going and Promotions

Welcome to all of the following: Sgt. **Munoz**, Foothill Division; Sgt. **Palazzolo**, IAG; Officer **Sandoval**, Central Division, Officer **Johnson**, 77th Division, Officer **Aceves** from Southeast Division; Officer **Prado** from Rampart; Clerk Typist **Aragon** from Hollenbeck Division; and Clerk Typist **Dinsey** from Personnel.

Leaving us is Officer **Olmeda** to Juvenile Division (go figure!) and Officer **Belemonte** to CTD. Call on him anytime you need a traffic taken. Officer **Weise** is now in Van Nuys and Officer "Quiet" **Carney** is roughing the streets of 77th Division. Officer **Wendland** is hanging out in Southwest Division. (Hey, Neil, Packers stink!)

Management Aide **Fournier** left us to Personnel Group. Good luck to you all!

Promoting to P-3 is Officer **Louie Gasca** from Narcotics Division (ME-5415 said congrats) and Officer **Rodriguez** from NOE SEU was promoted to P-3. From P-3 to Detective is Detective **Hovanesian**. Congratulations!

Additional Congratulations

How many of you out there knew we have the "Toughest Cop Alive" working Northeast Division? Officer **Victor**

Pallares, congratulations on your motivation and dedication

Due to the ignorance of others, our Country has been deeply affected. Our prayers go out to all the victims and the loved ones affected by the terrorist acts.

Please remember that every tomorrow is not a promise. As officers we tend to neglect the people in our lives that mean the most to us. We should spend today



"Liz, where are you? We hope you are feeling better!"

making memories, for tomorrow it may be all we have. If someone close to you suddenly were gone tomorrow, would you have any regrets? We need to stand together and stand strong, along with our families.

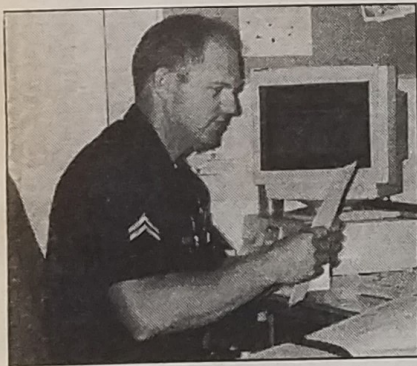
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M.S.D. Notes

by D. Swanson
Management Services Division

More than 600 military reservists employed by the Department including myself are on standby waiting to see how the President will deploy us in this war on terrorism. I know a few have already been deployed, including reservists assigned to my old MP unit, the 6632nd Port Security Company in Irvine (now known as the 314th). Best of luck to them. I am still



P-III Ed Spurling becomes better acquainted with a piece of paper.

shaking my head, trying to figure out how killing 7,000 people is supposed to earn someone a place in heaven. God's grace doesn't work that way, but I guess some people had to find out the hard way.

In response to the Sept. 11 attacks, a slew of MSD staffers were called upon to man the Department Operations Center. Working round-the-block 12-hour shifts, we provided assistance in logistics, intelligence gathering and resource management. Nothing like morning watch morning breath. Good thing Sgt-II **Vic Dennis** was there on day watch to keep it all together, although his unlimited supply of Fruity Fruit Stripe gum gave me a moment of pause. I haven't seen Fruit Stripe gum in years, and it reminded me of when I was a kid, sitting on my living room floor at home, chewing and watching the

Partridge Family—reruns, of course. Hey, Sgt. D: The .38-cal. Revolver duty weapon is OK, but the gum dates you. On a serious note, Sgt. Dennis was recently awarded the Crystal Angel Award for outstanding efforts in community policing in Harbor Area, one of only two patrol officers to receive the award this year.

The month of September found the MSD crew participating in Module 3 of Consent Decree-mandated training at the Westchester Academy. Congratulations go out to Sgt-I **Emilio Guray** (EU), P-III **Kathy Haskins** (PADS) and yours truly for scoring a 2,200-point runaway victory during our group's Jeopardy challenge. On to the FATS simulator, where Haskins engaged in a furious shootout with a van tailpipe (she won). There were those who showed outstanding judgment, and then there's **Craig Valenzuela** (Hint to Craig, don't holster your weapon until the bad guy stops shooting.)

MSD bids a fond farewell to P-III **Carrie Katsumata** (Grants) who is going to OHB, and Orders writer P-III **Candice Daymen**, who gives up her pad and pencil to patrol the streets of West Valley. Daymen will once again be under the watchful eye of former PADS supervisor LT-I **John McMahon**, who was quoted extensively in a *Daily News* article regarding the mall shooting in Woodland Hills September 30. By all accounts, McMahon and the involved officers did an outstanding job.

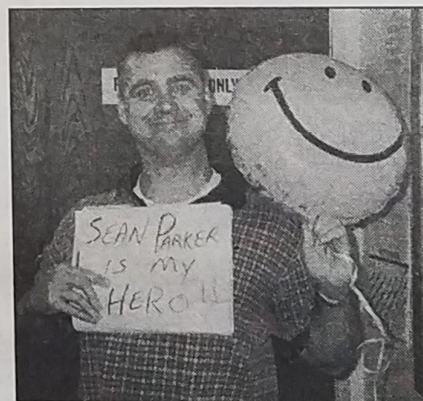
MSD Station Fund members did a great job of organizing a delicious and profitable tamale luncheon fundraiser in September. Efforts to up sales went into overdrive due in part to the concerted efforts of P-III **Rachel Agnew**, who sold all of her tickets and then some. Approximately \$500 was raised, which is good news because hopefully it will offset the cost of the holiday party luncheon, which will be held at the New Otani Hotel this year.

I understand that P-III **Sean Parker** was called upon to provide assistance for this most recent fundraiser. Hope this invitation does not extend to the upcoming holiday party. If it's a done deal, I won't say another word, but I hope no one is surprised when the big day comes and tequila and Vienna sausage cans are passed around for hors d'oeuvres.

I stopped by MSD East the other day. It seems **Gloria Grube's** (CPPS) husband,

Charlie, is a member of the Fire Department's elite Urban Search and Rescue Team, which was dispatched by FEMA to assist in the World Trade Center cleanup. During her husband's absence, Gloria was tasked with comforting an anxious household, and keeping things together as the acting OIC of CPPS (Lt-II **John Karle** is recuperating at home from illness). CPPS is preparing a mighty send-off for Sr. Clerk Typist **Vangie Gomez**, who is preparing to retire after nearly 25 years on the job, 20 of those spent at EAS/O.O./MSD. A luncheon for Gomez has been scheduled for Nov. 14, 2001, 1130 hours, at the New Otani Hotel.

I love to see PADS staffers so enthusiastic about their work. Just the other day

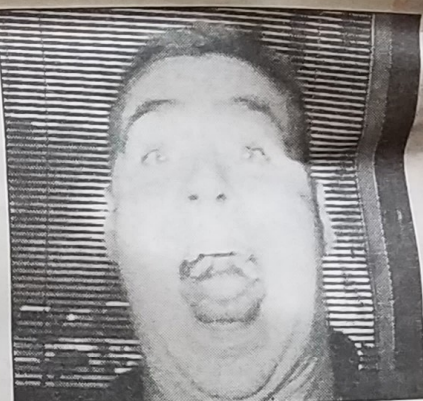


P-III Sean Parker provides theme ideas for MSD's next holiday party.

I looked over to see **Dan "The Happy Man" Andersen** typing away loudly and decisively at his latest project. Dan's enthusiasm and unique perspective is an inspiration to all of us here at PADS.

Final Tidbits

Capt. **Mike Chambers** is expecting his first grandchild and is said to be as



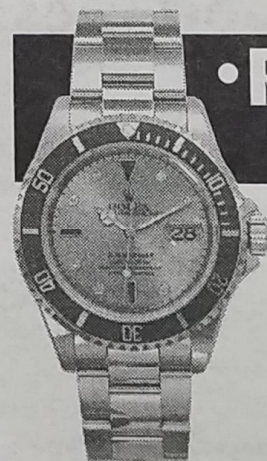
OH, NO! Not another PADS project!

pleased as punch. Lt-II **Joe Hiltner** is at the National FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Va., For the next five months. And if you have some extra time, stop by the desk of Sgt-II **Danny Wong** for a chat, and have a look at his series of grip and grins with famous Southland newscasters.

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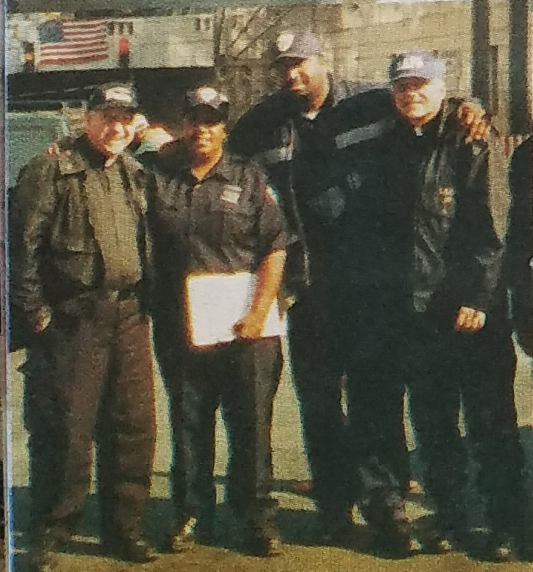
We defend her together, not alone,
With honor and forthright dignity.
On this, again, we finally agree.
And as our men and women fight
Through the day and into the night;
With tears in our eyes and resolve in each heart
We'll finish what they did foolishly start.
No American will have died in vain.
As we gain strength from our pain,
"God Bless America" will be our cry
As we watch them run and die.
"American" is not a dirty word
Contrary to what we've often heard.
We will show them who we are,
Now that we've been pushed too far.
The greatest country ever to be
Standing tall through history.
Her people's love will show the way
With the passing of each day.
Old Glory flying as before
From every house, from shore to shore.
The sleeping giant again did rise
Before the world's disbelieving eyes.

C. Scott
9/13/01



Photos courtesy of: NYPD Highway Patrol Officer Scott Faver, LAPD Officer Art Greci, LAPD Sergeant Fred Tredy (USCG), LAPPL Director Ken Hillman

Hero



UNITED WE STAND

THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH
SHALL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. THE INNOCENT
VICTIMS AND RESCUE PERSONNEL WHO LOST
THEIR LIVES DEMAND TO BE HEARD.

THE LOS ANGELES POLICE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND POLICE
PROTECTIVE LEAGUE HAVE PARTNERED IN SENDING PEER
COUNSELORS TO NEW YORK TO LEND MORAL SUPPORT TO THE
FELLOWSHIP OF SAFETY PERSONNEL.

THE RECOVERY WILL TAKE QUITE SOME TIME.
BE VIGILANT AND SUPPORTIVE OF OUR FELLOW OFFICERS.



TUESDAY MOURNING

Tuesday mourning I awoke
On a bright September day,
To a very good life, with a loving wife,
It seemed perfect in every way.

Tuesday mourning New York awoke
To terror from the skies.
To acts of war and sights of horror,
I wept through wounded eyes.

Tuesday mourning America awoke
As hell rained down on friends.
Our innocence gone, with that gray dawn
To meet a terrorist's ends.

Tuesday mourning heroes awoke
To do what heroes do.
To answer the call and give their all,
To save a precious few.

Tuesday mourning the world awoke
To hear our Nation's cries.
They joined as one as the deed was done,
And wept from a billion eyes.

Yes, Tuesday mourning was a wakeup call
For each of us that day.
To stand and fight for what is right
Is still the American way!
GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.!

September 23, 2001
Michael A. Thrasher, #17578
LAPD, Hollywood Homicide

Ground Hero

SURFACE NAVY LETTER HOME

This is an e-mail from an Ensign stationed aboard the USS Winston Churchill.

Dear Dad,

Well, we are still out at sea, with little direction as to what our next priority is. The remainder of our port visits, which were to be centered around max liberty and goodwill to the United Kingdom, have all but been cancelled. We have spent every day since the attacks going back and forth within imaginary boxes drawn in the ocean, standing high-security watches, and trying to make the best of our time. It hasn't been that fun I must confess, and to be even more honest, a lot of people are frustrated at the fact that they either can't be home or we don't have more direction right now. We have seen the articles and the

photographs, and they are sickening. Being isolated as we are, I don't think we appreciate the full scope of what is happening back home, but we are definitely feeling the effects.

About two hours ago the junior officers were called to the bridge to conduct Shiphandling drills. We were about to do a man overboard when we got a call from the LUTJENS(D185), a German warship that was moored ahead of us on the pier in Plymouth, England. While in port, the WINSTON S. CHURCHILL and the LUTJENS got together for a sports day/cookout on our fantail, and we made some pretty good friends.

Now at sea they called over on bridge-to-bridge, requesting to pass us close up on our port side, to say

goodbye. We prepared to render them honors on the bridgewing, and the Captain told the crew to come topside to wish them farewell. As they were making their approach, our Conning Officer announced through her binoculars that they were flying an American flag. As they came even closer, we saw that it was flying at half-mast. The bridgewing was crowded with people as the Boatswain's Mate blew two whistles—Attention to Port—the ship came up alongside and we saw that the entire crew of the German ship were manning the rails, in their dress blues. They had made up a sign that was displayed on the side that read "We Stand By You."

Needless to say there was not a dry eye on the bridge as they stayed alongside us for a few minutes and we cut our salutes. It was probably the most powerful thing I have seen in my entire life and more than a few of us fought to retain our composure. It was a beautiful day outside today.

We are no longer at liberty to divulge over unsecure e-mail our location, but we could not have asked for a finer day at sea. The German Navy did an incredible thing for this crew, and it has truly been the highest point in the days since the attacks. It's amazing to think that only a half-century ago things were quite different, and to see the unity that is being demonstrated throughout Europe and the world makes us all feel proud to be out here doing our job. After the ship pulled away and we prepared to begin our man overboard drills, the Officer of the Deck turned to me and said, "I'm staying Navy." I'll write you when I know more about when I'll be home, but for now, this is probably the best news that I could send you. Love you guys.

★ A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE ★ October 9, 2001 - State Capital



Governor Davis

LAPD Honor Guard with Al Atkins,
LAPD Memorial Foundation.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Responds to Terrorist Attack

The latest report we have received indicates that 65 law enforcement officers are still missing in New York City as a result of the September 11 terrorist attack. They include 37 officers from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department, 23 officers from the New York City Police Department, three officers from the New York Office of Court Administration, one FBI special agent, and one Secret Service master special officer.

This is by far the single greatest tragedy in law enforcement history. Prior to September 11, the deadliest incident in policing occurred on November 24, 1917, when nine Milwaukee (WI) police officers were killed in a bomb blast, at their police station-house.

Visit the Memorial Web site at www.nleomf.com and

click on the homepage item entitled "National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Responds to Terrorist Attack" for more information. On the homepage, you will also see a photo of the NLEOMF board of directors presenting a wreath at the Memorial in honor of the victims of the September 11 terrorist attack.

Organizations to Support

Many NLEOMF supporters have contacted us recently wanting to know where they could send a donation in response to the September 11 terrorist attack. Some have contributed to the Memorial Fund. Others want to directly assist the families of the missing officers in New York City. For your convenience, listed below are two funds that will bene-

fit the survivors of the missing officers, along with the NLEOMF contact information.

PBA Widows & Children's Fund

c/o New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

17th Floor
40 Fulton Street
New York, New York 10038

Port Authority Police

World Trade Disaster Survivors' Fund

c/o Port Authority PBA, Inc.
611 Palisade Avenue
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

605 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Click here to make an online donation:
http://www.nleomf.com/support/supdefault_new.html

Police Remembrance Day, Australia

As the United States honors fallen American police officers on May 15th, so Australia honors her own fallen officers on September 29th. Australia is made up of 6 states and two territories. Police service is provided by one police agency in each state and territory. As such the 7 state police services, the Northern Territory police, and the Australian Federal Police each hold a memorial for Police Remembrance Day. Each year these occasions sober us with the memory of the costly price those men and women paid for our safety and security.

No other time in our lives, and I would argue in history of the world, has this price been more evident than as we watched police officers and fire fighters rush in to save lives while everyone else ran to save their own. It is with a deeper sense of humility and honor that I wear the uniform today.

From an over-seas perspective, it has truly been remarkable to see the unification this tragedy has stimulated. I can't explain what it feels like to see American flags flying in a foreign land, not on our embassy or consulates, but in the hands of Australian citizens with tear stained faces. I listened to President Bush's speech and heard him refer to support shown to the US from around the world. I truly hope you have been able to see it over there. I'll never forget the television broadcast of the American National Anthem being played at Buckingham Palace, or hearing people calling in to Australia radio and television stations asking where they could give blood to send to the US. Everyone seemed to be searching for some way to show their support. Here Australia flags stood at half mast all week. They covered our embassy and consulate

steps with flowers, candles and letters. And they cried as if it had happened to a family member, because it had.

Yesterday I was moved to learn that for the first time in history, the Australian flag will not fly alone at my state's Police Remembrance ceremony, but the American flag will fly beside it. I could hardly speak when they asked me to carry it. I'll carry it high to honor those who have fallen in their attempts to bring light upon our darkest hour and as a symbol of the Australian people's unity with the American people as we look together to the challenges ahead.

Those who sought to divide the worked through fear have united us like never before. America's unity has shown brightly around the world over the past week. I only hope you have seen a glimpse of the unity the world has with America. I hope you know that you're not alone over there.

— Kevin Curreri, Brisbane Police Department

Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL)
Day of Courage Support Fund
1308 W. 8th Street, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90017

26 September 2001

Dear Sir / Madam:

As being the member of the law enforcement agency, I felt grieved to the lost with over 300 brave firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel in responding unselfishly to the disaster that occurred in New York. From the LAPD.com, I came to know that the LAPPL has established a Day of Courage Support Fund to assist the children of the police counterparts in New York. It is glad to know the LAPPL is raising the fund for the counterpart. Thus, I decided to donate the money to the fund.

2. I would like to receive the "Day of courage" t-shirt for the memorial. Initially I was going to donate the amount of US\$25 to the fund. However, in order to reduce the postage fees for the fund, I would like to raise the amount to US\$30. The memorial t-shirt may deliver to me only with normal register airmail package. The mailing address as follow:

Yew Jeong, Loong
Blk 368, #03-485
Bukit Batok St 31,
Singapore 650368

3. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can help. Again, may the god bless the soul of the fallen heroes.

Best Regards

Yew Jeong, Loong

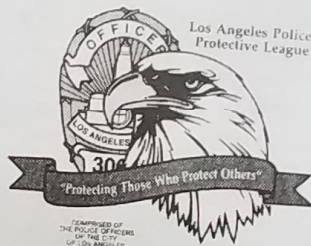
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<http://www.geocities.com/loongping>
email: y_loong856@yahoo.com.tw



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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OF ALL OUR BROTHER AND SISTER
NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS, FIRE FIGHTERS,
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY
PORT AUTHORITY PERSONNEL WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN SERVICE TO THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS.

WE REMEMBER, WE GRIEVE, WE REVERE YOUR MEMORY



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The Port Authority PBA is extremely grateful to all those who have offered assistance to our membership in this time of need. We have had innumerable offers of financial help for the families of members of the Port Authority Police Department affected by the World Trade Center disaster. The PBA has set up a separate fund specifically for the purpose of aiding and assisting the survivors. Tax deductible donations may be made to:

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World Trade Disaster Survivors' Fund
c/o Port Authority PBA, Inc.
611 Palisade Avenue
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

Gus Danese
President



LAPD/LAFD and the World Trade Center

by Sergeant Fred Tredy
Hollywood Division

On September 13th, 2001, the Los Angeles Police Protective League and Police Memorial Foundation contacted members of the New York City Police Department and made the decision that Los Angeles police officers could use their expertise to assist the tragedy in Manhattan. League Director Don Lint contacted a diverse cross section of officers whom he believed could provide assistance to the New York Police Department with their special talents.

On September 15th, three LAPD officers and three LAFD firefighters left Ontario Airport in California for JFK Airport in New York. When the Jet Blue Airline (ironic the name of the airline and our occupation) was notified of the mission, the airline provided the flight at no cost. The Holiday Inn in Mid-Town Manhattan also provided the rooms at no cost. The outpouring of emotions on the plane was almost overwhelming. The crew found out about our mission and announced it to passengers on landing. The passengers of the plane all stood and clapped, incredible and heart wrenching (I'll probably use that phrase more than once in this story). We made our way to the hotel and after checking in, the three officers took a cab and drove south to the disaster site. None of us knew what we were going to do or whom we were going to talk to. But that didn't matter,

we were in Manhattan and enroute to the disaster site. We all had worked the riots in LA, stood watch at the Staples Center and were around during the earthquake. This was just going to be another perimeter around another crime scene standing watch with brother and sister officers. We couldn't have been more wrong.

As we neared the Jacob Javits Center we could see the smoke rising from the disaster scene in southern Manhattan. The island of Manhattan is six miles wide and 12 miles long. Midtown Manhattan was business as usual for a Sunday, not very many people or cabs. Most of the commercial and financial businesses were closed due to the attack. At the Javits Center we meet a Sergeant from the New York State Police who worked at their Command Center. He brought us into the FEMA Command Center and introduced us to the highest ranking officer on the State Police, one step under the Governor. Everyone was amazed that LAPD Officers traveled to New York to help.

We got back into a cab and went further south and were stopped at the outer perimeter by a New York City Police Officer. When we informed him that we were LAPD there to help, he directed us to the inner perimeter. One of our number was very good at securing rides and meeting people. We got another ride from other NYPD Officers to the inner perimeter.

The federal crime scene inner perimeter was approximately 10 square city blocks, from the Hudson River into the middle of Manhattan. A chain link fence surrounded it with only four entrances into the inner perimeter. We were now five blocks from the disaster site and could see, smell and sense that this was the site of the most horrific terrorist acts that ever occurred in the United States. You could feel a pain that grabbed all of your senses; it's hard to describe. Pain was in the air, you could feel it coming from the other police officers and firefighters, all the people radiated it, was in their faces and in their eyes. We were only on the outside of the inner perimeter, we were not prepared for what we were about to see, no one could have prepared us for what came next.

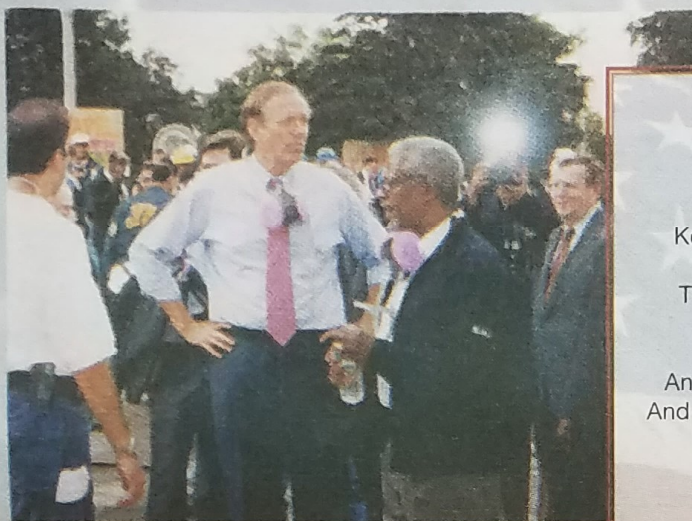
Being good cops we were good talkers, especially when we were talking to other cops. We received credentials and were allowed into the inner perimeter. Just a little reflection, I was born about five miles from this site just on the other side of the Hudson River in Jersey City, New Jersey. I've been to the top of the World Trade Center and could see the hospital where I was born, raised and became a Jersey City Police Officer. I have two children, two grandchildren, and a brother-in-law on the Jersey City Fire Department and a sister all of whom worked or lived in Jersey City. Officer Art Grenci was also from New Jersey and was a police officer on two different departments in New Jersey and still

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Ground Hero



Team #2 - Peer Counselors leaving for New York City.
Back (l-r): Francine Briscoe, Debra Kickbush, James Ray, Moses Castillo, Ann Brunzell, Elaine Wicks
Front (l-r): Randy Michaelsen, David Bowser, Patrick (Father Mike) McCullough, Ken Hillman



Governor George Pataki

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P.O. Box 60890
Los Angeles, CA 90060-0890
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God Bless America,

For we will not surrender,
We will not stop looking for survivors.
God Bless America
Keep our firefighters and policemen safe,
Help those who are injured, and
Those who are stuck under those rocks.
God Bless America,
For we stand united,
And bless those who have lost loved ones,
And those who are safe from this tragic event.
God Bless America
Amen.

By Stephanie - Age 12



LAPD/LAFD and the World Trade Center

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had a large family who lived close by in New Jersey. Officer Todd Cataldi was from California but had family who lived in New Jersey. Only one member of our group, John Knox, a Los Angeles Paramedic and a Reserve on the Los County Sheriffs Department had never been to this part of the country.

I'm not sure which of us were more affected by seeing this disaster, the ones who knew what the ever present skyline of Manhattan looked like before September 11th, or those of us who had only seen this in pictures. We walked around the site being guided by two NY Building Inspectors. They pointed out not only the obvious remains of the two 110 story towers but also the other buildings that were either damaged or destroyed, the WTC buildings 4, 6, 7 and the Marriott Hotel all destroyed. There were 20 buildings damaged and 50 buildings affected by the collapse of the monster towers and the collateral damage caused by the falling parts of the two planes. The inspectors brought us to a public school that was being used as a command post for the inner perimeter where we met the Director for the Office of Emergency Management, out of the Office of the Mayor of New York. He just happened to be a former LAPD officer who worked Devonshire Division from 1986 to 1991. When we explained who we were he immediately put us to work. We stayed as a part of his staff for the entire time we

were back there.

Among the four of us, we made the trip around the perimeter no less than a dozen times, locating sites that needed to be re-organized from control of volunteers, who had been within the crime scene from day one, to the emergency workers, NYPD, NYFD, USAR, and the Port of Authority Police. You can't imagine the magnitude of work that was being done. There were three to four thousand fire fighters, police officers, construction workers and volunteers per shift per day. When the search and rescue efforts were taking place workers would be utilizing search dogs. A system of horn blasts was used: one blast was to stop work and listen, two blasts was an alert and three blasts was run like hell. The entire rescue efforts were being done in a very dangerous area. There were still steel beams hanging precariously twenty stories up on surrounding buildings directly over the workers. The metal facade of the WTC was just standing there unsupported, as were other pieces of the twin towers.

There was one thing that was evident and we all noticed it, there was nothing that was recognizable. You couldn't pick out a desk, a computer or a chair. There were 50,000 people that worked in each of the twin towers and you add another 20 to 30 thousand in the surrounding WTC buildings. There was over a million square feet of office space in the twin towers alone. The numbers are staggering. Everything that we saw was just dust, rubble and twisted metal beams. The impact of the buildings was equal to the force of a massive bomb exploding and wiping out everything including the people. They still estimated that 6,000 lost their

lives including 350 firefighters, 24 NYPD and 37 Port of Authority Police. The hardest part of walking around this enormous mound of rubble was knowing that it was probably the tomb for all of these unsuspecting people. During the time we were there more than 100,000 tons of debris were removed, however there were another 1.2 million tons yet to be taken out. Incredible!

This event has changed our lives forever. Just by watching the change in New Yorkers who now were so totally supportive and appreciative of all police and firefighters. For those of you who have visited New York you know that this was not only an exceptional effort for the general population of New York but it is a total change of attitude. I believe that the world all of a sudden realized what cops and firefighters really do for a living and how dangerous our job really is. This was not cinematic Hollywood.

We could never have a disaster happen in Southern California with the magnitude of this disaster. We don't have the population density or the incredible size of the buildings in Manhattan. But we can be careful of our surroundings and we can make our neighbors and family more aware of their surroundings to keep them safe.

As cops we're always busy, whether it's working our regular watch, then going to court and then to our off duty jobs. It seems like our lives are so busy we neglect our home life. Maybe one thing we can learn from this disaster is to make more quality time with our families and our friends.

Stay safe.



Mayor Rudy Giuliani



Members of Los Angeles City Fire Department



Team #1 - Front row (l-r): Ray Babbie, USMC ret, Officer Todd Cataldi, LAPD Rampart, John Knox, LAFD-Paramedic, unidentified USMC ret. Back row (l-r): Major Fisher, National Guard, Capt. Carpenter, Ontario F.D., Officer Art Grecni, LAPD, Sgt. Fred Tredy, LAPD & U.S. Coast Guard



Team #3 - Back row (l-r): Lt. Patrick Findley, Sgt. Steve Ulrich, Ofcr. Ramona Beaty, Ofcr. Steve Hillmann
Front row (l-r): Sgt. Mike Apodaca, Det. John Bagnall, Det. John Steiglitz, Director Don Lint, Director Ken Hillman, Father Scott DesOrmeaux, Al Atkins, Memorial Foundation

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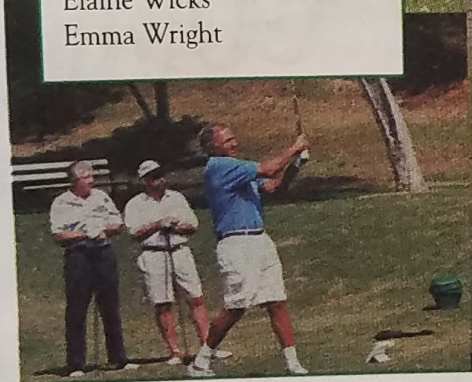
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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

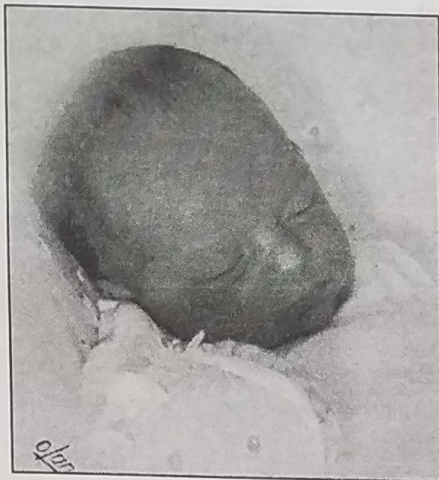
WLA welcomes as a Detective I **B. Roberts** from Newton, P2 **R. Lockhart** from Foothill, **Telesha Moxley**, clerk typist from Jail Division Metro, and **D. Grimes** was promoted from Sgt. 1 to Sgt. 2. Welcome and congratulations all! Leaving us to return to the Harbor was Sgt. 1 **Lisa Matulich** and PSR **Sandra Heib** went to Newton. Good luck to you. (Hope I didn't leave anyone out.)

It was a shock heard around the world. Terrorists had hijacked four U.S. airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a remote field



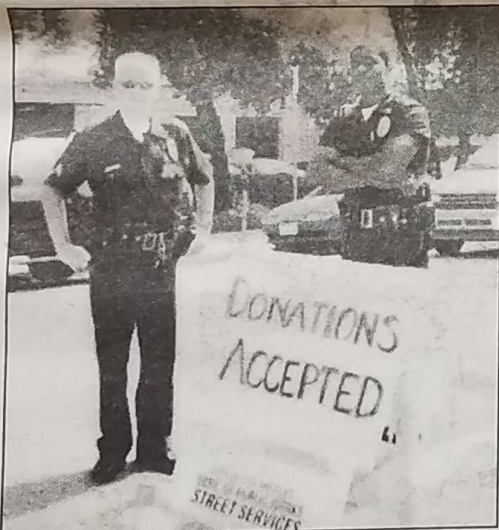
WLA Bar-B-Q Fundraiser for our fallen heroes at the World Trade Center... 9/20/01.

outside of Pittsburgh. It was the morning of September 11th, a morning we will never forget as we watch the two giant twin towers collapse into over a million tons of rubble. It was insane. It was, and still is, beyond belief. The worst terrorist attack in history. Osama Bin Laden and his ilk will not prevail. In the words of President George W. Bush, "We will smoke them out...the people who tore these buildings down will hear ALL of us soon!" The world has rallied around the efforts of the firefighters and police officers who were among the more than 6,000 killed during this attack. They selflessly rushed into the burning towers while thousands of others were fleeing for their lives. They are heroes all and are not to be forgotten. Donations have poured in from all over the globe. WLA contributed to the fundraising effort by hosting a barbecue on September 20th.



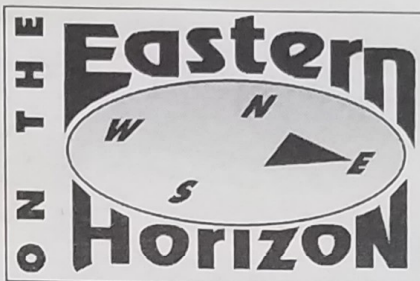
Sage Alexandra Ceja, born 7/18/01, 4 lbs., 14 oz. to Officer Maria Ceja.

Members of the community as well as surrounding law enforcement and fire department agencies donated over \$13,000 to assist the families of the brave men and women in New York. Donations came in all sizes and shapes, including car change collected by a college student, a wheelchair ridden woman, a homeless man and countless others. Some came to enjoy the burgers, hot links, and American flag decorated cake while others came to offer a donation. Old Glory has been seen flying everywhere these days, from cars, fire trucks, buildings, freeway overpasses...you name it. American has truly become the United States through this tragedy. Officers from around the country have been activated for duty. **Thomas Cleary** and **David Sigler** have already been called up for the cause and many more are sure to



Officers Behnke and Ford collecting donations at the WLA Bar-B-Q.

follow. We hope and pray for a quick end to this battle that has just begun and may God bless the United States of America.



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

I want to take a moment to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving. During these troubling times, we still must remember that we have numerous things to be thankful for. I, for one, am thankful that my Dodgers knocked the Giants out of the playoffs. May you enjoy a wonderful holiday in the company of those that mean the most to you.

Police and Fire Summer Games

As a follow-up to an earlier story, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our very own **Alex Ortiz**. Alex was successful in his quest for gold at the annual Police and Fire Games. During the week of August 12 through August 18, Alex fiercely competed in the push-pull event at the California Police and Fire



Alex Ortiz receiving his gold medal.

Summer Games, held in San Jose. Alex's hard work paid off and he was rewarded with a Gold Medal, an improvement over last year's Silver Medal. Congratulations,

Alex. I am privileged to have the acquaintance of such a stud.

Officer of the Quarter

My most sincere congratulations go out to Officer **Custodio Ponce** on his selection as Hollenbeck's Officer of the Quarter. Officer Ponce has distinguished himself in many areas and is one of the highest producers on the Mid-PM shift. His selection as Officer of the Quarter is well deserved.

Mud Run

Our Hollenbeck Special Enforcement Unit recently took part in the annual Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department SEB Mud Run Competition. Officers **John Kirkpatrick**, **Alex Nava**, **Adrian**



Hollenbeck SEU officers at LASD S.E.B. Mud Run.

Parga, **Gus Barrientos** and **Andre Clancy** participated in the event. Even though the officers came up just short of their intended goal, which was to place high in their category, their dedication and hard work was not lacking in effort. Great job, guys!

Welcome

We have a very short transfer list this month to report on. Actually, only two people transferred in and no one transferred out. With that said, please help me extend a big welcome hand to Officers **I. Lowe**, in from Southeast and **J. Wong**, coming to us via TBD.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **George "Curious George" Wilson**.

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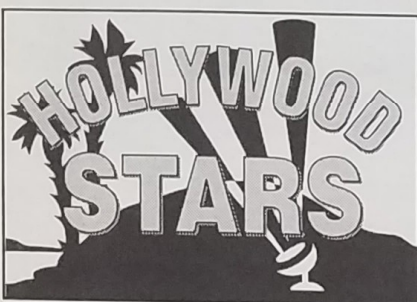
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Julie Stranahan and Trey Baskett
Hollywood Division

We here at Hollywood salute the many heroes, sung and unsung, sworn and civilian, who pitched in to restore order in New York and Washington. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the victims as they move forward with their lives.

Following the attacks of September 11, Det. **John Miller**, Hollywood Homicide, took it upon himself to col-

lect relief funds for the ongoing effort in New York. In a few short days, John, with the help of Det. **Vicki Bynum**, raised over \$2,200 from patrol, LAFD and civilian coworkers. The money will be forwarded to the NYPD to benefit the families of fallen officers. A big thanks to all who contributed.

Sgt. **Fred Tredy** and a group of department peer counselors are contributing in their own way. They are currently in New York lending an ear to the exhausted and troubled. No doubt the Big Apple and Hollywood Division are lucky to have such quality individuals.

Ins, Outs and Ups

Sgt. 1 **K. Koch** arrives from CENT; Sgt. 1 **Emalee Baptiste** returns to her roots in VNYS; Det. 1 **P. Wilson** is coming over from JUV. Best wishes to P2 **Maria Gholizadeh** who made P3 and is going to CB.



Sgt. Dean Anderson (seated center) and his last day watch roll call.

Sgt. 2 **Dean Anderson** retired as of September 22st with 20-1/2 years of hard charging service to the citizens of L.A. When asked his plans, Dean (I can call him by his first name now) replied, "I plan to stand on the sidelines and cheer on my wife."

That would be Det. **Ho Sook Jo** of Rampart OSD, also a Hollywood alum. Deano added, "I'd hoped to outlast Chief Parks. Though that's not the case I'm sure he's right behind me. Nevertheless I wish him the best of luck in his next career." Enjoy your free time, sir. Don't forget us.

After 37 years with the city, Management Analyst 2 **Sharyn Gunter** is retiring. Sharyn has been invaluable at Hollywood Division since her arrival in 1995. Thanks for all of your hard work, Sharyn.

Commendable Caper

You know those taggers we have a hard time catching in the act? On September 29th, Officer **Ben Trask** and his probationer, Officer **Kevan Beard**, received a radio call of a vandalism suspect damaging businesses on the Melrose Corridor. When they arrived, they observed three possible suspects standing near a freshly damaged plate glass window. On seeing the officers



Noah Edward Rumenapp, born 9/2/01, 6 lbs., 14 oz., 17 1/4" long. Born to Shawn & Erica Rumenapp.

of felony vandalism. His parents must be very proud.

New Arrivals

P1 **Shawn Rumenapp** and his wife, Erica, welcome B1 (that's baby 1) Noah Edward, born September 2, 2001. Noah



Bars and Stripes Forever! (L-R): Lt. Howard Silverstein, Sgt. Dean Anderson, Sgt. Stan Cochran and Sgt. Hal Collier.

approach, two suspects fled, leaving one slow and unlucky friend behind. He tried to play it cool but the officers didn't buy it. They detained him and checked the area to find 13 nearby windows had been graffitied with a very caustic chemical known as hydrofluoric acid. When applied to glass, the acid eats the surface giving the window an unwanted frosting. Melrose has been hit especially hard by this kind of costly vandalism. Further investigation revealed a can of the substance and an etching tool on the ground near the suspect's initial location. To cap it off, the suspect's pants were also stained with the acid. Thanks to the officers' attention to detail and investigative skills, the young man, who recently turned 18, is looking at multiple counts

decided to go Code 6 a little prematurely, but everyone is doing fine. He's now a strapping 7 lbs. and keeping mom and dad very busy. Congratulations, Shawn.

Parting Shot

Many people are leaving the department due to retirement or lateral career moves to other agencies. We are terribly sorry to see them go. The number of combined years of experience we are losing is staggering. Now the upshot... Advancement opportunities couldn't be better. The department is undergoing sweeping changes. If you have the desire to guide the future of the department, now is the time to stake your claim.

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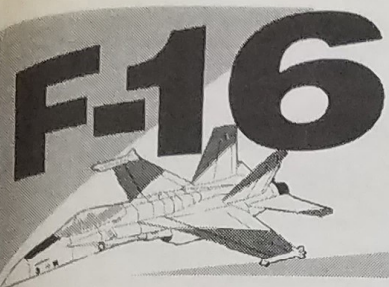
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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Well, I always talk about the great job officers at Foothill patrol are doing monthly and the outstanding work that is performed on a daily basis, but the incidents that occurred on September 11th were an outright crime against all of us as Americans. These events affected all of us. A lot of officers here were born, raised and have family back in New York. On September 11th, officers like **Rolando Rodriguez** was calling his mother to locate his father and brother who worked adjacent to the twin towers. That evening, Officer Rodriguez' parents called him to let him know they were all okay. Lt. **Stein** had friends working the NYPD command post at ground zero, who called him by cell phone and advised him that their mutual childhood friend was one of the missing officers lost in the twin towers. These are some of the stories I have heard. We have friends or loved ones that were near or by someone that is affected by this event. God bless America and all of you.

Since the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center, the world has seen the law enforcement community unite in solemn pride. As I write this, nearly a month after the deadly act of terrorism, police officers still adorn their badges with the black band. Several patrol cars fly the American flag and personal vehicles proudly display American flag stickers serving to remind us all the precious price we pay for freedom. At Foothill station, and in police stations across the city, Department employees are dealing with this tremendous loss, taking comfort in the fact that we are surrounded by a dynamic American law enforcement family that together sustained a horrible loss and together will survive and succeed.

As a new sergeant, I have watched with wonder, pride, and humility, as men

and women of all ranks have risen to this unprecedented occasion. I have seen true grit amongst my peers—selfless, thankless, unflinching resolve to grind away at crime; to stand at a fixed post in the dust of a sweltering airport; to unblinkingly race from radio call to radio call; to ever do more and more with less and less. From the ashes of this disaster rose quiet leaders, all rugged subordinates to a greater cause. Watching you, I am reminded why I took an oath five years ago; I am reminded why I loved police officers as a child; and, most poignantly, I am reminded why this is the finest department on earth.

Thanks Officer **Gable** for your dedication at the front desk and for staying over to assist the other watches with their heady tasks.

Thanks **Russell Chan** for your fine display of esprit de corps and your time and effort decorating our station in patriotic colors.

Thanks Officer **Weir** for standing in the blistering LAX heat in your cover guarding a runway.

Thanks Officer **Baldwin** for foregoing your lunch so as not to abandon your post.

Thanks Officer **Cummins** and Officer **Bygum** for your tireless elephant hunting.

Thanks Officer **Aragon** for consistently and professionally educating the public through personal service citations.

Thanks Officer **Wiedenhaupt** for solidly handling your area as the call load increases.

Thanks Officer **Bixler** for your dedication to law enforcement.

Thanks Officer **Senneff** for tirelessly doing the work of an ACC, a front desk officer, and a kit room officer.

Thanks Officer **Cerny** for your patience.

Thanks Officer **Wilbur** for your stoic maturity.

Thanks Officer **O. Castellanos** for exemplary attention to duty.

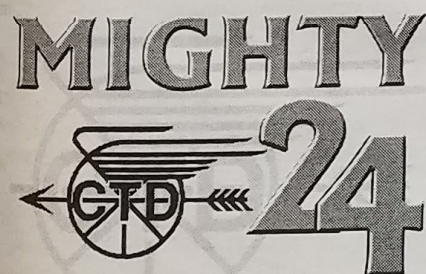
Thanks Officer **Jomini** for training, training, and training.

This incomplete list rumbles on in my mind, and with pride, drums in my heart. I work at a division of heroes. Thank you. —Sgt. **Bert** ❖

involved in a t/c party I has no cal op but has a Mexican driver's license only no International license. Do we need to see him behind the wheel? (No, you can't impound the car or cite him), but he can't drive away either, unless he is here as a tourist not a resident.

CTD wants to congratulate Officers **Ron Fisher** (CTD), **Richard Duran** (OCB SEU) and Detective **Mario Carrasco** (NARCO FILING UNIT) for their 3rd place finish at the California Police/Fire Summer Games in the team triathlon event. Officer Fisher put the team together after completing his second full Ironman event this past May. The team competed in the men's senior category and are looking forward to moving into the masters next year.

Det. **Carrasco** was the swimmer and this was his first time competing in a swimming event. Afterwards he made the observation that this was a full contact event. Fisher referred to the bike course as flat and fast except for a series of insane hills towards the end. Officer Duran had never competed in the games and afterwards made the observation that the people who come to the events take it very serious and are in great shape. There were approximately 200 participants. ❖



by Tom Fox
Central Traffic Division

Ins & Outs of CTD

CTD welcomes Officers Sgt. **J. Liggett**, #22127, who comes to CTD from STD; Officer **Mercado**, #31583, who comes to CTD from CED; Sgt. **R. Ballesteros**, #22307, leaves CTD for WTD; and Officer **A. Sunquist**, #31938, leaves CTD for JUV Division.

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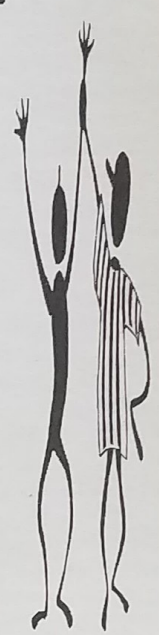
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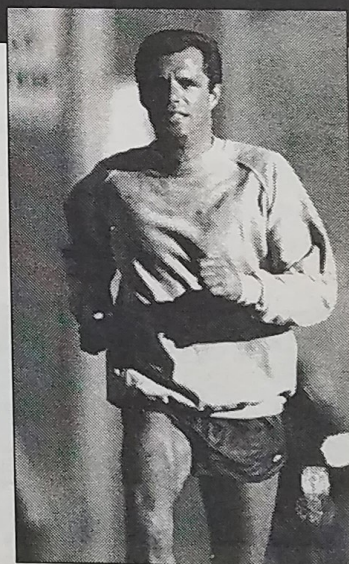
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Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Greetings

As we approach the end of summer, most of us still have in the forefront of our minds the events that occurred in New York on September 11, 2001. All of our hearts are heavy with sadness as our law enforcement and firefighter brothers and sisters were among those casualties. I'm sure many of you donated to the various relief funds, or purchased some type of memorabilia that donated monies to help, or gave blood to assist those in dire need.

Things got hectic here in L.A. too. We all had some detail we didn't like—being sent to LAX for security, standing guard at an important city building, landmark, or religious worship center, on the roofs and at the entrance gates of the stations, and detectives had to put on their uniforms. This was just a small sacrifice, and we all did what was needed for the moment. I urge you to keep on praying for our fellow Americans who suffered such a severe tragedy.

Uh-Oh

With all air travel being grounded, some of us were affected indirectly. Perhaps your visit out of state on business was extended? Such was the dilemma for Harbor MAC Det. 1 **Ernie Jones**, who was in Montana on his own time, assisting with some SWAT-type training. He was due to fly back to L.A. on Sept. 11. Needless to say, it didn't happen. So Ernie, being the fast thinking-on-his-feet kind of a guy that he is, rented a car and drove back to L.A., arriving on Thursday. Hey, Ernie, did you get a chance to do any sightseeing at all?

Ins and Outs

Time to mention the moving and grooving of folks. First, we welcome in

newly appointed from Lt. 2 to Capt. 1 **Andrew Smith**, now at the helm of Detectives. During his first squad meeting with Detectives, he announced that he has an open door policy and keeps a bowl of candy on his desk for all of us. All he asks is that if you come in to take some candy, stay and chat with him a little. Sounds like a fair deal to me.

Moving out of Harbor as Lt. 1 and up to Lt. 2 in Audit Division is **John Baronowski**. Good luck to you, sir. Another "in" for the Harbor is Lt. 1 **G. Angelos**, fresh from S/E.

Two Sergeants "out" from the Harbor, Sgt. 1 **J. Baker** headed for Central Division and Sgt. 1 **W. Dougherty** headed for Southwest Division. Best of luck to you both. Of course, this made room for two incoming, and we welcome Sgt. 1 **L. Avalos** from Newton and Sgt. 1 **L. Matulich** from West L.A. Two more sworn upgrades that need to be mentioned, Officer **J. Shray** made P-3 and left Harbor for 77th Division, and Officer **G. Lewis** made P-3, remaining in the Harbor. One last "welcome to Harbor" to mention: Officer **F. Arredondo**, a P-3 from Rampart. Hope you enjoy the nice ocean breezes!

Some more upgrades to mention on the civilian side, with Senior Clerk Typist **Tracy Blue** stepping up to Secretary in the Captain's office. Three Harbor clerk typists received promotions to Senior Clerk Typists. Congratulations to **Tamara Farris** and **Jennifer Ramclam**, who will remain at the Harbor in their new positions. The third promotion went to **Jacque Shell**, who left us to work for Parks and Recreation, at the Banning Museum in Wilmington. So, as much as she is not going to be in the building with us, she is still nearby. We will all miss you a bunch, Jacque. Best of luck to you.

In Closing

I am sure there are many more stories to tell about Harbor personnel and their happenings. Did your kid have his/her first b-day, did you celebrate a wedding anniversary, or some other important mark in time, did you receive an award, go on a trip, break the sound barrier, or fly to the moon? Let me know! In the meantime, be smart, be sound, be safe, and always keep on dancing. ♦

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by Chuck Hicks
Southeast Division

September 11th

On September 11th we all watched the events unfold in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Many of us, as I was, were working that morning and watched in horror as the towers fell. Later we learned that many brother and sister officers and firefighters had lost their lives trying to save people from the buildings. As a nation we came together and as a sign began to do what we could for the victims and rescue workers in the areas of the attacks. Here at Southeast, Officer **Heitzman** and Det. **Zambos** started separate funds for victims and rescue workers in New York City. The men and women of Southeast dug deep and we raised several thousand dollars for each fund. From what I have heard the rescue workers were pleasantly surprised that we were able to assist them. To all the personnel that gave without a second thought, good job!

Who's Coming and Who's Going

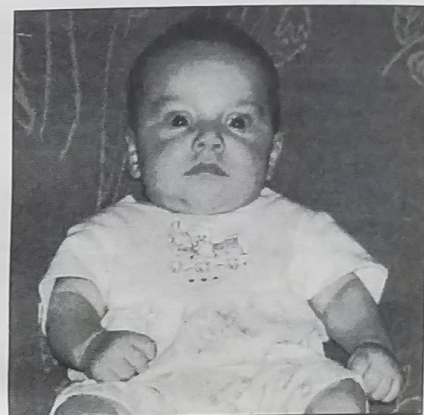
To the following, good luck in your new assignments: Lt. **Angelos** going to Harbor, Sgt. II **Piersol** to JUV, Sgt. **Williamson** to CENT, PII **Canales** to COMM, PII **Barillas** to EODD, and PII **Lowe** to HOBK. To the following, welcome to Southeast: Lt. **Davis** from CB and Sgt. **Chilstrom** from NEWT.

I want to do a special welcome back to Officer **Mario Rios**. Mario has been away for some time now. It was nice to see him back. So welcome back, Mario.

from Southeast participated in the 6th Annual S.E.B. Mud Run held at the Pitchess Equestrian Center. These brave souls had to succumb to a grueling five-mile run which consisted of various mud pits, water holes, and man-made mounds of mud. These mud runners that dared to get down and dirty are as follows: A-team (**M. Piersol**, **D. Vizcarra**, **M. Perez**, **H. Tarjamo**, **R. Barillas**), B-team (**L. Palencia**, **D. Manning**, **M. Hogg**, **J. Riggs**), P.T.'s team (**A. Perez**, **J. Rivera**, **D. Vizcaino**, **J. Burcham**, **B. Smiley**), and the P-1 team (**K. Thurston**, **E. Vaca**, **J. Cotez**, **B. Jones**). Congratulations and thank you for representing Southeast Division.

Birth Announcements

Officer **Adrian Koval** and his wife, **Silke**, were blessed with the birth of their son, **Jake Koval** on June 6, 2001. Jake weighed in at 7 lbs. and 4 oz. Silke is



Jake Koval, born June 6, 2001.

fine and back to work.

I would like to thank the people who gave me articles to fill the column. And also would like to thank those of you who encouraged me to continue to write the Divisional even after being chastised for the last article.

That's it for this month. Remember to let me know if you have anything you want to have printed in our monthly divisional article. Also when you are flying



Team Southeast at the 6th Annual S.E.B. Mud Run.

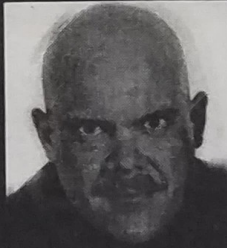
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by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

United We Stand

Like the rest of the United States, our worlds changed dramatically on 9/11/2001. Typical of this "divisional family," we came together in the two places where everything begins and ends for us: The roll call room and Watch Commander's office. We watched the media coverage and together prayed for a nation.

Known as "The All American Division," for this Department it brought everything closer to home. Our division has always had the Americana theme throughout the division because of this. American flags have flown from our black and white antennas for years. We never needed a holiday or a tragedy to fly our flag. We are just proud to be Americans, and so we show it. When this tragedy occurred, we made a *huge* condolence card for NYPD and FDNY from 77th Street and from the fire stations who work with us every day—Stations 66, 57, 33, and 46. We took this card around for everyone to sign and sent it to our fellow firefighters. Phone calls were additionally made to the precinct to offer our condolences to our "sister division/precinct." The most recent phone call to 77th Precinct was indeed most gratifying because we were told that our card was not only sincerely appreciated,

but is now displayed in a location so all can enjoy our thoughtfulness.

We made new Divisional T-shirts with our 77th logo on the front, and on the back it has "77th Street," the American Flag, and the words: "The All American Division." We are selling these shirts to raise money for the heroes back in New York. We are not making any profit on the selling of these shirts. If you are interested, please feel free to call our home.

We Are Family

Prior to the 9-11 tragedy, our divisional family had a "celebration of life" and "promotion" event planned. After some serious deliberations, it was decided to follow through with this gathering. We needed to come together as brothers and sisters and strengthen this family bond that we are known and respected for as a division.

Officers were treated to a banquet, refreshments and believe it or not the music of Mariachis. Thank you **Banuelos** family for making this gather-



Our very own Mariachi, Officer Dave Martinez.



Officer Sonia Banuelos and the Usual Suspects.

ing a very memorable night for 77th Street. The gift of the Mariachi was a first for us, and we enjoyed the songs and music.

To Love and Honor

On June 16, 2001, two of our own vowed to each other in the presence of 300 witnesses that they are now "life-time partners" in the eyes of God.

Officer **Tami Morrison** (Detectives) and Officer **Louis Farias** (P.M. Watch) were married at the Miraculous Medal Church. Following the church ceremony the guests and bride and groom celebrated with these 300 witnesses (better known as dear family members and friends), and afterwards the bride and groom left for a 15-day honeymoon Mediterranean cruise.

There were "cupids" involved in this union according to the new Officer Farias. She says that Lt. **Paul Von Lutzow** and P3+1 **Renee Minnick** are to be thanked. Nice job! What I also remember about this union was Tami telling me how when she first met



Tami and Louis Farias.

Officer Farias she was taken away, and that she knew he was "the one." A perfect example of how good life can be in 77th Street! Congratulations to the two of you.

Time to Give Thanks

At our front desk stands an American Eagle, depicting our colors of red, white and blue. Next to it stands a memorial candle, which will burn until September 11, 2002. It is our way of saying thank you to all of those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001. So many of those "heroes" have a name, a family and now their voice is silent.

When you give thanks with your family on the day called "Thanksgiving," remember them and give thanks. We are still here and "God" is listening. You are a part of "The City of Angels."

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Chapin, Cueto
Devonshire Division

Devonshire Area Heroes Save Autistic Child

On August 2, 2001, at approximately 1930 hours, an employee of a business that borders the railroad tracks in the 21600 block of Devonshire observed a young girl in her pajamas walking down the center of the tracks. The man called the police and a code 3 call was generated. Officer **Thomas Case**, #35198, working 17U2, heard the call and responded. Officers **Jay Vucinich**, #34198, and **Mark Wupperfeld**, #35836, were nearby and backed Case.

Once at the location, Case and Vucinich observed that the girl was approximately one half mile north of Devonshire. At the same time, a south-bound Amtrak passenger train could be seen rounding the turn only a quarter of a mile north of where the girl was walking. Both units sped along the steep embankment of the tracks to the girl's location. Case called out to the girl, but she did not respond. Suddenly she stopped and froze in her steps. Case then ran to the girl and took her by the arm, leading her from the tracks. At the same time, Vucinich observed that the Amtrak train was approaching even closer than he originally thought and yelled to Case to get away from the tracks. The three ran to a wall to take shelter from the train's debris as it sped by traveling between 65 and 70 miles per hour.

Upon taking the girl to Case's patrol car, the officers heard another broadcast of a "missing autistic child from 21500 Lassen Street." They realized that they had the missing child and the reason she did not respond to Case when he called out to her was due to her disability. They returned the girl, Alix Diaz, home where her mother, two younger sisters, and host of neighbors were frantically searching

for her. Needless to say, it was a very happy homecoming. Great job!

Another Devonshire Officer Demonstrates Heroism in the Face of Amtrak Train

For the second time this month, Devonshire Area officers demonstrated heroism with incidents involving Amtrak trains. On August 29, 2001, at approximately 1235 hours, P.O. III **Tony Garcia**, #17695, and his probationary partner, P.O. I **Tamara Myers**, #35867, responded to a radio call of a possible male transient in the Union Pacific Railroad tunnels that began in the Chatsworth Park north and exited into Simi Valley. Arrangements had been made to stop train traffic through the tunnel while the officers searched for a possible victim. When the officers were approximately one quarter mile into the second tunnel, they saw a light approaching them and the tracks began to vibrate.

Upon realizing that a train was approaching, both officers went to the side of the tunnel, one to the right, the other to the left, in an effort to avoid the train's path. Myers fell backward into an alcove in the tunnel, dropping her flashlight, rendering the tunnel completely dark. She called to Garcia that she had located an alcove that could provide them safety. Garcia began to walk towards Myers' direction when in the dark he tripped over a train rail, falling severely breaking his nose and injuring his left wrist.

Myers located her flashlight and immediately discovered that her partner had been injured. Garcia managed to rise to his feet but was dazed from the fall and injury. Myers left her place of safety and guided Garcia to the alcove only seconds before the train sped by.

An investigation is currently being conducted by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to determine how the train was released to enter the tunnel during the officers' search.

Garcia was hospitalized and is currently recovering at home with his family. Good job to Officer Tamara Myers for her courageous job assisting her partner in a time of need.

Welcome Back

P.O. **Jeff Branson**, #34344, returned to work after suffering a brain aneurysm



Devonshire Area Picnic, 8/4/01.

and is working part time, light duty at the Juvenile Table. We are very pleased to have him back.

Wedding Bliss

Congratulations to Officer **Brenda**



Brenda Verduzco and Eliezer Morales, married 9/8/01.

Verduzco (Morales), #34308, and her new husband, Eliezer Morales. They were married on September 8, 2001, in Los Angeles.

Devonshire Picnic

Thanks to everybody who attended the Devonshire Area picnic at Elysian Park on August 4, 2001. It was a fun day for all!

Hellos and Goodbyes

Warm welcomes to Lt. **Bill Maarschalk**, #211533. Congratulations to Lt. **Joel Justice**, #24871, doing the easy life at Metro Div. Congratulations to Sgt. **I Vic Masi**, #15369, moving next door to Foothill Div. And last but not least, sad goodbyes to Sgt. **I Steve Savala**, #24823, living by the sea at Pacific Div.

Remember to all who have left, Devonshire will always be home.



by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery-Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

Det.'s **Stone** and **P. Stirling**, Rape Specials, provided the following:

On the morning of August 21, 2001, two female school teachers were in their classroom preparing for the upcoming school year when an armed (handgun) male confronted them. After this lowlife robbed the victims of their currency, he then sexually assaulted them. The victims, in constant fear for their lives, pleaded with the suspect and offered to give him more money if he would stop harming them. The suspect walked the victims out of the classroom towards a bank. As they passed other school employees the victims were able to make good their escape and call 911.

Southeast area patrol officers, P-3 **Andrew Moody** (32390) and P-1 **Benjamin Jones** (35808) along with Juvenile Car officers, P-2 **Richard Carillo** (32739) and P-2 **Antonio DeLa Torre** (33981) responded to the location, established the crime scene, interviewed the victims and quickly secured the area. The first supervisor on the scene, Sgt. **David Armas** (25263), realizing the seriousness of this crime, requested additional units and made notifications to the Major Assault Crimes Unit, Southeast Operations Support Division (that's a mouth full) Det. **Jesse Bazan** (24383). RHD Det's **Stone** and **Sterling** were then notified and assumed the investigative responsibility of this crime.

During the course of the interviews of the victims and witnesses, officers obtained information regarding the identity of a possible suspect. Detectives requested the assistance of LASO K-9 "volunteers" **Ted Hamm** and **Joe D'Allura** who responded to the area with their blood hounds "Scarlet, Knight, Cooper and Riley." The dogs were able to trace the suspects escape route; however, the suspect was able to evade capture by secreting himself in a residence. Detectives and officers conducted further interviews and were able to locate the suspect who was now hiding in another residence. Officers responded to the location and telephonically contacted the suspect demanding that he surrender to them. This coward attempted to flee the area by jumping out of the rear window of the location. After a brief foot pursuit he was taken into custody. The suspect is currently in custody and will stand trial pending fourteen counts that include robbery, kidnap and various sexual assault charges. If all goes well, this person will never walk the earth as a free man again.

There were many additional officers and detectives that responded and assisted with this investigation. All of them are to be commended for their professionalism and tenacity that resulted in the recovery of vital evidence as well as to the capture of the suspect. These officers exemplify what true professionals embody the LAPD. Good job to all of you.

Retirement Corner

RHD is losing another to retirement. D-3 **Richard Haro** (15452) will be retiring after serving the City and its citizens for the past 32 years and 4 months. Richard has been assigned to RHD, Homicide Specials since 1984. His retirement dinner will be held at the Academy on January 17th, 2002, beginning with the cocktail hour at 1700 hours.

That's it for this month. Hope you all enjoy that turkey and pie. Until next time, BE SAFE.

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Tommy Lasorda to Appear as Special Guest at 48th Sports Awards Dinner "Mexican Fiesta," Friday, Nov. 30

Baseball Hall of Famer and LAPRAAC supporter Tommy Lasorda has agreed to appear as special guest at this year's Sports Awards Dinner, to be held Friday, November 30, at the Elysian Park Academy Gymnasium. Lasorda managed across Academy Road for 21 years and led the Dodgers to two world championships (1981 and 1988). Named to the baseball Hall of Fame in 1997, he managed the gold medal winning United States team at the 2000 Olympics in Australia.

First held in 1954, the Sports Awards Dinner pays tribute to the department's best athletes and those who have gone far above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the LAPRAAC athletic program. This year's committee (Tony Adler, Debbie Chamberlain, Brenda Crump, Estevan Estrada, Barbara Ginn, Kim Jones, Agnes Miranda, Gig Murphy and Steve Williams) have come up with a "Mexican Fiesta" theme, featuring a south-of-the-border buffet, mariachi band, and surprises galore.

New this year are two incentives for coming to the event: the team with the highest number of attendees will get a \$500 credit at the LAPRAAC store for uniforms and/or equipment, and there will be a drawing for a weekend getaway to Las Vegas and other prizes.

The evening begins at 1700 with an open bar attitude adjustment, dinner starts

at 1800 followed by entertainment and presentation of awards, recognizing the sung and unsung heroes of LAPRAAC's sports program. Individuals who have excelled in their sports, set world records, given 150 percent in the year past will be recognized for their part in helping continue LAPD's athletic tradition as *the* best in the nation, if not the world.

Pre-sale tickets (\$20 per person—a steal considering it includes an open bar, dinner, tax and tip) are available from the LAPD Athletic Director's office on the ground floor of the Elysian Park Academy. Don't wait until the 30th. Tickets will be \$25 at the door and subject to availability. For more information, call Athletic Department Secretary Agnes Miranda at (213) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

(Sports Beat trivia quiz for our readers: In the mid-1950s the Brooklyn Dodgers had to make a choice. Which left-handed pitcher would they keep? Would it be Tommy Lasorda, who had been pitching in the Dodger minor league system for a number of years, or a wild-armed bonus baby from Cincinnati they wanted to sign? Tommy was sent back to the Montreal farm club and ended up a few years later with the Kansas City A's. Who was the other left-hander? E-mail your answer to lewsnow@aol.com. The first person with the correct answer will receive a prize.) ❖



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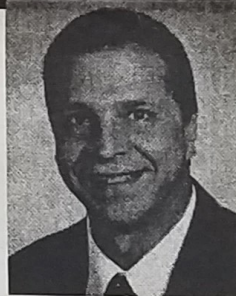
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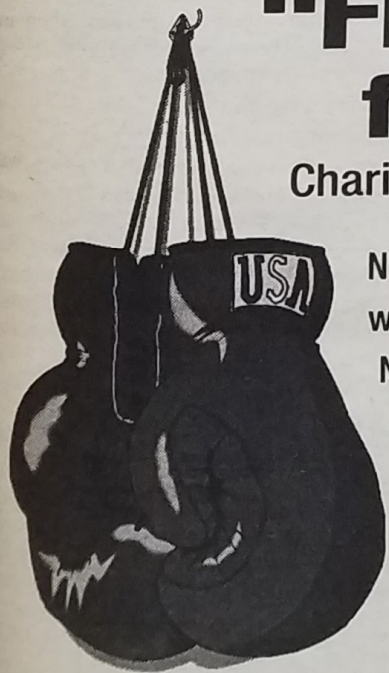
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Terrorist Attack Does Not Stop LAPD & LASD Baseball Toy Drive Charity Event

by Officer Mike Scott

What kicked off in August as a toy drive challenge between all LAPD stations, in which officers and personnel at Devonshire's Police Station generously donated over three containers full of toys, became a major baseball competition. Winning the competition by a landslide, the LAPD baseball team would like to thank all participating divisions. This toy drive challenge was the first part of the "LAPD vs. LASD 1st Annual Baseball Toy Drive Event," benefiting the Manny Mota Foundation, held Saturday, September

22, 2001, at El Cariso County Park in Sylmar.

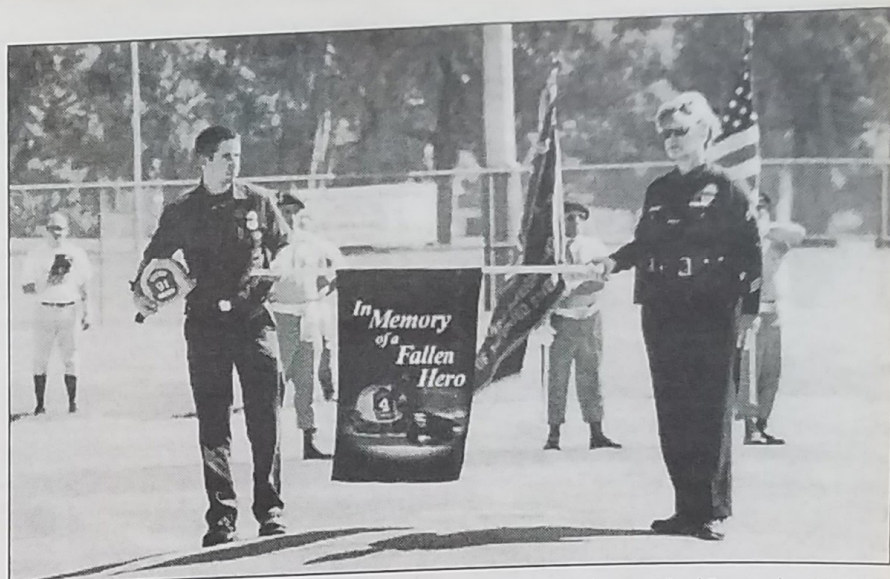
Elected officials, celebrities, law enforcement agencies, community members, fans, and media were on hand. The event which aired on three local evening news stations and made the front page of Sunday's *Daily News* paper, started with



Dreamworks recording artists "Soluna" singing the Nation Anthem, acapella.



The players.



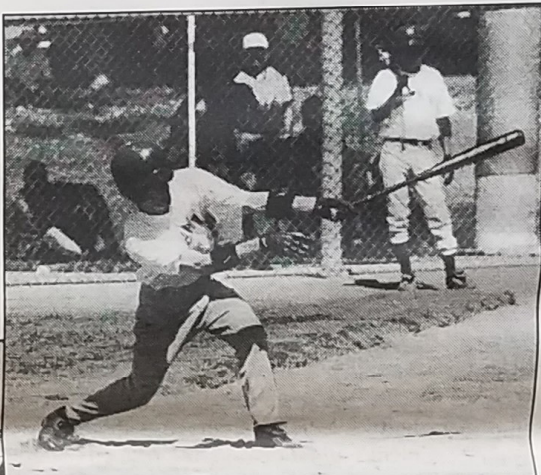
LAFD Fire Fighter and LAPD Police Officer during tribute to all who perished September 11, 2001.

a tribute, moment of silence, and prayer to all who perished on September 11, 2001. District representative Manny Figueras from Senator Richard Alarcon's office, Assemblyman Tony Cardenas, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Councilman Dennis Zine, and Deputy Felipe Fuentes from Mayor Jim Hahn's office, all spoke and presented certificates to LAPD, LASD, and event coordinator Officer Michael Scott. Other

L.A. Sheriff, and L.A. County police vehicles and specialized equipment. Oh, and let's not forget the ball game! LAPD and L.A. Sheriff once again played nine nail-biting innings. The battle ended in another 2 to 2 tie. Will we ever know who holds the baseball title in L.A.? Stay tuned. They'll meet again.

"We pulled out all the stops for the kids and the community and raised a bunch of toys for the Manny Mota foundation. That's what it's all about. We felt it was necessary to continue on with this event and help bring some normalcy to the city." The elected officials agreed. The community members both young and old responded by showing up and enjoying all the festivities we had to offer. One little boy stated, "This is some cool stuff, can you guys come back next week?"

The LAPD baseball team is also looking to try out new players for their 2002 baseball season. If the 2002 season is anything like the 2001 season, man stand by. The 2002



Chad Reuser.

guests in attendance included City Council President Alex Padilla, L.A. Dodger Manny Mota, former L.A. Dodger Maury Wills, and Rudy Law, KTLA's entertainment reporter Mindy Burbano, and

Dreamworks recording artist "Soluna," who melted the crowd with their acapella rendition of the "National Anthem." LAPD color guard and Veterans of Foreign Wars presented the colors. There was a free health fair, Red Cross C.P.R. demonstrations and info, food, music, giveaways, prize drawings, and contests for kids. Static displays included recruitment booths, DARE, LAPD helicopter, EVOC, LAPD Historical Mobile Museum, motor units, LAFD, LAPD,



L.A. Dodger Manny Mota signs autographs.

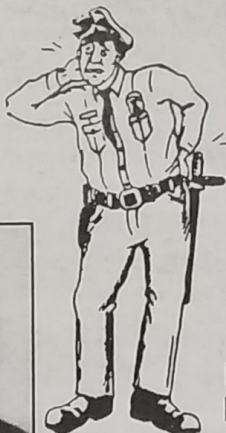
California Games will be held in Santa Ana, California, with the championship game at Anaheim Stadium. They are seeking quality pitching and those that are serious about their game. Contact Lt. Tim Moss (DEV), Officer Ernie Fisher (DEV), or Officer Mike Scott (VNYS) for more info.

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LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

In just a few weeks we'll honor the best and brightest LAPD has to offer at the 48th Sports Awards Dinner. At only \$20 for a pre-sale ticket, it's a helluva show, even if you just show up to chow down on the Mexican buffet and chug-a-lug a couple of brews.

It also heralds a couple of personal milestones: being about the same age as the awards means yours truly gets an early reminder of just how old I am, and it means we're nearing another anniversary for this section in *The Thin Blue Line*. Of course, attending my 30th high school reunion (Poly in Sun Valley) last month wasn't any help, either. Where did all those old people come from? Where were my friends? I saw their parents there.

Those were my friends? That was Ben Gay, not aftershave, I was smelling? Uh, well, uh...maybe we'd just better get down to the business at hand...

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Flag Football Season Underway

By the time this issue reaches your mailbox the Intradepartmental Flag Football season will be in full bloom. A team captain's meeting was held in early October with play getting underway by mid-month. Unfortunately all of this occurred past our press deadline for this issue. We'll have full details in our December issue. For game schedules, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

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Here Comes Mr. Jordan?

The 2001-2002 intradepartmental basketball season is ready to hit the boards following the team captain's meeting held on October 30. DARE is looking for its fourth straight department championship and every one else is looking to keep that from happening. Is there a Michael Jordan hiding at some station out there, ready to provide the muscle to move the Captain Al Nelson Tournament trophy to a new location? Stay tuned! For game schedules, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

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Scorpion Relay Set Nov. 10 in San Dimas

The Annual Scorpion Relay, coordinated by retired LAPD athletic legends Chuck Foote and Larry Moore, will take place Saturday, Nov. 10, at Frank

Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas. Law enforcement teams are welcome and there are two running options: a 10x50 relay with five mile legs and two teammates running at the same time, and a 5x25 relay. Cost to enter is \$300 for the 10x50 and \$200 for the 5x25 (includes late fee).

In addition to the relay (which gets underway at 0900) there's a number of attractions available at the park for the whole family. For more information on the Scorpion relay, contact Foote or Moore at (760) 341-4903.

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The Elysian Park Academy: Your One-Stop for Holiday Shopping

Now's the perfect time to get your holiday shopping done early by patronizing the services available at the Elysian Park Academy. The LAPRAAC Store (also at the RTC in Westchester) has dozens of items in all price ranges suitable for gift giving—including discount admissions to most of Southern California's most popular locations. (The recently released Y2K Commemorative Book is a great gift for the cop on anyone's list!)

There's also the Uniform Shop (a size larger pants this year?), Melody's Style Shop (get your holiday shearing or turn that nasty gray into youthful brown), and, of course, the Academy Café for a holiday "take ya' out to lunch" thank you.

Want more? How about stopping by the Academy Lounge on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night for some holiday cheer? Or get into the holiday spirit early with "Salsa Nights: every payday. Or...surprise the wife or girlfriend with a holiday trip booked through LAPRAAC Travel.

There's a lot available and proceeds help LAPRAAC support the department's athletic program. And...the more you spend, the better chance dues will remain at their current levels. For more info on any, or all, of the above, call (323) 221-5222.

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Cycling Team Wins 14 Medals at California Police and Fire Games

Another year has come and gone following another respectable Summer Games competition for our department's cyclers, "Team Fastrac."

The games started with the Criterion and Senior B race as **Doug Wilson** (USD) worked the pack down to a four-man breakaway. It ended with him sprinting into the lead only to have to coast to a third place finish due to a chain derailment. In the next race, **Mike Johnson** (STD) and **Bruce Christensen** (USD) followed with a lot of work going on throughout the pack. Halfway through things began to settle down which allowed a two-man break to get away, led by Johnson (who ultimately finished second). The rest of the field had to battle it out in the field sprint, in which Christensen finished a respectable fourth. After a day's rest, the same duo rode a hard kilo time trial in which they finished fourth and second.

A 16-mile time trial through the hills of San Jose was held the next day. Everyone did well with Johnson taking the gold in his class, Wilson and Christensen silvers in their respective

classes, and newcomer **Loren Ortiz** (TCU) finishing in the top ten. In the 26-mile road race, which rolled again through the hills and 12 percent climbs, took its toll on the field, our Team Fastrac riders were able to finish second (Wilson) and fourth (Christensen), with Loren again in the top ten.

We had only three competitors in the downhill event on a very tough and demanding course: **Don Hudson** (CTL), **Jim Breslin** (WIL) and **Ingrid Braun** (IA). Both Hudson and Breslin took silver medals in their classes and Braun, currently our only female cyclist, also brought home the silver.

The cross-country course was equally demanding during the heat of the day. Braun did an outstanding job to win a silver, as did Wilson. **Dave Corbett** (77th), **Blake Budai** (TD-REC) and Breslin also competed and finished high in their classes. Wilson, by the way, competed in motocross when not cycling, taking two silver medals.

Team Fastrac's medal count: two gold, nine silver and three bronze.

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LAPRAAC Blue Pistol Team Wins World Title

by Helen Papietro

The 2001 National Rifle Association's National and World Police Pistol matches were held on September 24-28, 2001, at Jackson Police Range, Jackson Mississippi.

Representing LAPRAAC and the Department were Det. **John Pride** (LAPD Retired), Det. **Helen Papietro** (Narcotics), Sgt. **Robert Snedden** (Newton), Sgt. **Brian Owen** (77th), Sgt. **Rich Rinker** (LAPD Retired), Officer **Stefanie Diaz** (Training) and Officer **Steve Estrada** (Southeast).

For a while it looked like we weren't going anywhere. For the first time in our history, the Blue Team secured travel authority from the Department to represent the LAPD on-duty at the championships in Jackson. Five days before departure, all travel authorities were understandably cancelled due to the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. The Blue Team discussed the situation and decided that it was important for the LAPD to be represented at this most prestigious event, and furthermore we were confident that we were going to win the Team event.

First, the traveling members of the team made certain that their respective assignments would not suffer in their absence. Second, each member had to beg, borrow and steal days off, vacation or T/O time for the nine-day trip. Two members, John Pride and Bob Snedden, drove ahead with our guns and gear. (Did you know that you can drive from L.A. to Jackson, MS, in 28.5 hours?) Stefanie Diaz, unable to make her scheduled plane trip due to work, hopped in her car arriving late Saturday night in Jackson, missing an important two-day Magnolia Classic warm-up match. In total, seven members made the trip.

2001 NRA Nationals

In attendance were over 500 police officers from the USA, Canada, Norway, and Germany. The week-long event included 33 individual match events and the final event; the National and World Team Championships.

Individual Events

Det. John Pride (LAPD Retired), four-time National Champion, was in contention with Clay Tippit of the U.S.

Border Patrol to take home his fifth title. After placing 2nd in the Revolver 1500 event behind Clay with a score of 1496 (Tippit - 1497) the two former champions would square off on Tuesday to settle the individual event which is the total aggregate scores of the Revolver and Semi-auto events. After the smoke cleared and the dust settled from the Semi Auto event, Clay Tippit was clearly the winner of the individual event by shooting an unprecedented 1498 out of 1500. John came in with his average for the year in the auto, a 1491 and a solid second place overall for 2001.

In the Women's category, the battle was on for 1st overall. In the arena was the 2000 overall Women's champion, Special Agent Cathy Schroeder of the FBI, Sgt. Dorcia Meador of Ft. Worth Texas Police and LAPD's very own Officer Stefanie Diaz. Stefanie won the Women's Revolver Championship in 2000 and placed second overall last year behind Schroeder. It was a great accomplishment for her first year back at the big event, but Stefanie had her sights on the overall women's title for 2001.

At the end of two days of shooting, Stefanie Diaz was the overall winner in both categories, Revolver and Auto, which gives her the overall Women's Championship title for 2001. Not bad for her second year at the Nationals! All in all, Stefanie walked away with no less than six titles and six new pistols for her efforts. Congratulations, Stefanie, from your new team members. Stefanie not only eclipsed all female shooters, but she is also closing in on many of the top male shooters as well. Isn't that so, Rick?

After an eight-year hiatus from competitive shooting, Sgt. Bob Snedden rejoined the team in 2001. Bob not only solidifies a spot on the top four-man team, he had some personal accomplishments as well. Bob placed or won many of the events in his Master category including winning the prestigious President's match, an aggregate of the revolver and semi-auto distinguished matches.

Sgt. Brian Owen won the sharpshooter division of the municipal category with his best effort of the year. Congratulations, Brian, on a great year at the big event and welcome to the expert category.



Pistol, all 7.

The Team Events

LAPD's 4-man teams have won the Team events for four years in a row. Unfortunately, last year's winning LAPD team was grounded at home. Last year's two-man team World Champions, Pride and Estrada, opted to challenge all comers by assembling a LAPRAAC Blue 4-man team. The Blue team consisted of Pride, Estrada, Snedden and for the first time in the history of the Department a woman filled the fourth spot on the open team, Officer Stefanie Diaz. Now we're talking about going up against the best 4-man teams in the world, with over 40 teams competing in the event.



2ND PLACE OVERALL: Kane Robinson, NRA V.P.; Det. John Pride, LAPD (Retired).



OVERALL 2001 LADY'S PISTOL CHAMPION: Officer Stefanie Diaz with NRA V.P. Chief Kane Robinson.



2001 NRA 4-PERSON WORLD POLICE PISTOL CHAMPIONS: LAPRAAC Blue Knights, Sgt. Bob Snedden, Det. John Pride, Ofcr. Steve Estrada, and Ofcr. Stefanie Diaz.

Estrada and Diaz were first up in the team event. Each would fire the national match course, consisting of 60 rounds each with a possible 600 score. Diaz fired a monster score of 595 and Estrada accepted the score of 591, even though a shooter from another team shot on his target, causing the loss of at least six points; a shooter can accept the low score of all the hits.

Still rattled by what happened to Estrada, John Pride and Bob Snedden were up next. Pride posted a 597 out of 600 and Snedden came in with a 591. The final combined score was 2374. The Mississippi Highway Patrol, U.S. Border Patrol, and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety were the hot teams to contend with. When all the scores were added up, the LAPRAAC Blue team—John Pride, Bob Snedden, Stefanie Diaz and Steve Estrada—were the overall Team Champions. It wasn't over yet. The team now went on to shoot for the world title on the same day. In contention were the Canadians, the Norwegians, the Germans and the Blue team.

One hour later the announcement was made over the PA system: "The winners of the World Team Championship is the LAPD Blue Pistol Team!"

Not only did this make it the fifth year in a row for LAPRAAC teams to take the World Title, it also marks a milestone in the LAPRAAC and NRA history books—the first time a woman was a member of the four-man championship team. That will be changed to the four-person team next year.

The team voted Stefanie the National's match MVP for taking the call to come up to the first team and for coming through in the clutch!!

In the Expert category, Helen Papietro and Brian Owen won honors for first place in the municipal division two-man team event.

Many thanks to LAPRAAC for supporting the Blue Team and many thanks to the supervisors and COs who made it possible for us to attend. Thank you, Evelyn, for getting Stefanie to MISSISSIPPI!

If you are interested in joining the LAPRAAC Blue shooting team, call the Team Captain, John Pride, 909-599-0928 or e-mail him at hotprimer@aol.com.

Congratulations to the LAPRAAC Blue Pistol Team—"Victory with Honor."



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Foothill Wins LAPD Golf Title

Finishing with the low gross score at the Sept. 28 LAPRAAC Golf Club



Doris Andrews.

Tournament was just the ticket for the Foothill Fab Four—that victory enabled them to clinch the department championship for the 2001 season.

Dave Hance, Justin Mudgett, Nick Pikor and Pat Rimkunas navigated the Santa Anita Country Club course with a gross of 323 to wrestle the title from last year's winner, Devonshire. The double duo of **Jim Antenucci, Jim Cabrera, Damian Gutierrez and Tim Walia** (from the deposed champs) took low net sporting a 289.

Among the individual bests: Mudgett boasted low net with a 62 while Pikor shot a low gross of 76 and had the longest drive at 325 yards. Four golfers shared closest to the pin honors: **Doris Andrews** on the fourth hole, **Carren Costi** on the eighth, **Gary Holden** on the 12th, and **John Hone** on the 15th.

Highlight of the day was a hole-in-one by Andrews, who was playing in her very first tournament! Using a seven iron on a par 3 for 112 yards, the ball bounced twice before deciding to cooperate and roll politely into the cup. Way to go, Doris!

Los Angeles Police Golf Association Annual Year End Tournament

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The starting time will be 8:00 a.m. and the tournament will be a shotgun team scramble. You may sign up as a single, double, triple, or team of four.

If you are interested in participating, please call Charlie Loust at

(562) 862-1260.



THE TEN RING

by Lou Salseda

LAPD's #1 Pistol Team completed this year's shooting season by winning the State Championship Match, the California Police and Fire Games, and took the top spot in the California Police Pistol Association top ten. Several new shooters displayed exceptional talent this year: **Eric Bixler, Alison Tibbett and Amy Wong.**

The recent National emergency prevented seven of the team members from traveling to Jackson, MS, to compete in the National and World Police Championships. LAPD #1 had won the national and world titles four straight years and the event is a culmination of a seven-month season of intensive com-

petition. Additionally, seven individual national titles, held by team members, were not defended.

Although disappointed they were not able to make the trip, our team members understand their priority is to the department and the city of Los Angeles. We are proud of the success of our comrades on the LAPD Blue Pistol Team and congratulate them on their championship!

Congratulations also to **Bob Barnes, Rick Bennett, Neil Goldberg, Lou Salseda, Paul Shumway and Don Tsunawaki** who made the top twenty in California Police Shooting.

We look forward to next season's competition. If you are interested in shooting, please contact Bennett (team captain) at (818) 832-3752.

SUMO WRESTLERS



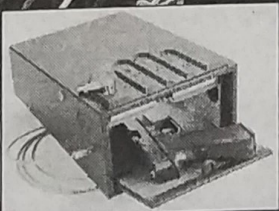
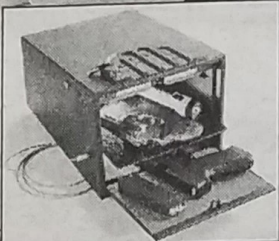
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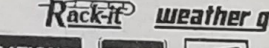
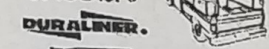
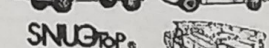


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SPORTS BEAT

MXers Ride Hard for Medals at Summer Games, Supercross Series

by Rob Cosner

Well, let's get right to the California Police and Fire Games results.

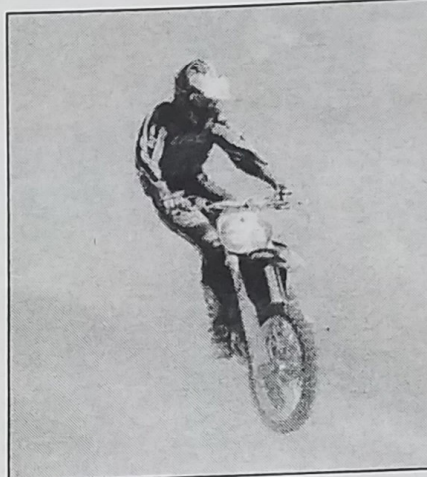
Charlie Beck blistered his yzf 426 to a gold, silver and bronze medal. If there was a class higher than expert, Beck would be in it. He was no match for the competition. **Vic Curti** (ret.) ex factory husquarna pilot motoed to two golds and two silvers in the masters division. **Doug Wilson** set his sights high not only in motocross but also as a cyclist (the ones with pedals). Wilson fished his motos with a shiny silver medal.

Give 'em credit for their time and a long hot drive to put our LAPD Motocross Team on the golden map of California. Now that the summer games

are over, the team is looking forward to the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals Series, the final two rounds of which were held Oct. 1-2 at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino. Proceeds from this race will go to help the families of officers and firefighters killed or injured in New York on September 11. Stand by for results in our next article.

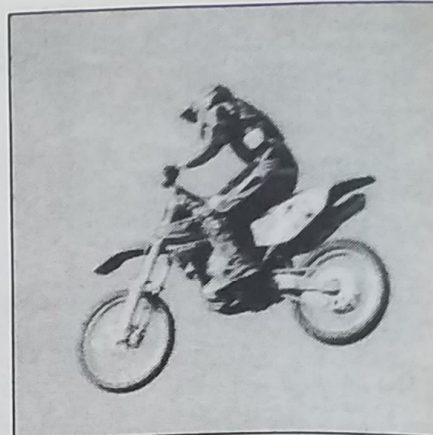
The final round of the Fire and Police Supercross Night Series wrapped up in a hot and dusty competition park in San Jacinto on August 20. This track is nothing like the one at Glen Helen, but nevertheless it was tight and hard for passing. It also brought our memories back to round one of a terrible crash involving our gold award winning "quad boy" **Sean Malachi**.

When the dust settled and night fell, the brightest halogen lights fell amongst the fastest bar to bar banging police boys of Supercross. Yes, it was **Dan Hadfield** (ASD), **Andy Vegara** (CTD), **Tony Perez** (77th), **Stewart Lomax**



CTD Rob Cosner keeping the rubber side down this time.

(FTHL), and yours truly (CTD) with the medals around our necks, blinding those other officers and firefighters. The results: Vegara, first place 30-34 years beg.; Lomax, fifth place 25-29 beg.; third place 39-39 years beg.; Perez, sec-



ASD Dan Hadfield piloting his helicopter in for a landing.

ond place 18-24 years beg. And 25-29 years beg.; Hadfield, third place 30-39 years nov.; fourth place 35-39 years nov.; **Cosner**, first place 18-29 years inter. And 30-39 years inter.

Our thanks to those who helped us get faster: FMF, 909, DSP, IMS, Troy Lee Designs, Bell Helmets, Maxima Oils, Maxxis Tires, Smith Eyewear, Acerbis and Twisted Clothing.

For more information, contact Cosner (x3122), Wilson (213-473-7794) or log onto www.firepolicemx.com and ride hard.

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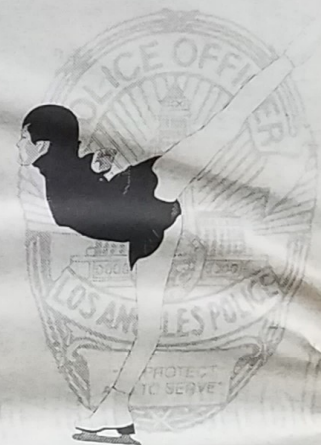
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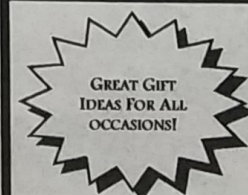
Sgt. Paul Hernandez has volunteered to be the Director of Security for the 2002 U.S. Figure Skating Championships. He is seeking active and retired officers as volunteers to help secure the future United States Olympic Figure Skating athletes and representatives. If you are interested in being a part of history, please contact Sgt. Paul Hernandez at (626) 437-8537 or reach him by e-mail at pdsurveillance@usa.net.

Los Angeles hosts its first winter Olympic Trial in history. Join the 2002 family of volunteers. Spouses and family members are welcome.

STAPLES Center will host the Olympic qualifying National Figure Skating Championships January 6-13, 2002. This will be the first winter Olympic Trial ever held in Los Angeles.

The battle between America's finest figure skaters, Michelle Kwan (2001 World Champion), Sasha Cohen (2000 Ladies Silver Medalist), Naomi Nan (1999 Silver Medalist), and Sarah Hughes (2001 Silver Medalist) will make this event the most sought after ticket in town.

America's next Olympic figure skating team will be determined right here at STAPLES Center. Over 1,500 athletes, chaperones and officials will assemble in Los Angeles for the championships. Twelve national titles will be determined during six days of competition. This year the 2002 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships are expected to garner enormous attention because the event will occur a few weeks prior to the Salt Lake City Olympics, the first Winter Games to be held in the United States in more than two decades.



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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on November 21, 2001 (3rd Wednesday) at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We have no specific start time, and many arrive between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Lunches are ordered around 11:00 a.m. Hope those who may be in the Valley to visit friends and relatives for Thanksgiving will be able to stop by and chat with old friends. For those that have never attended, our menu consists of lunch or breakfast entrees and salads in the price range of six to eight dollars.

We had 29 at the September 19th luncheon. The following were present: Ken Brondell (3336), Jim Davis (14365), Emmett Drennen (3279), Ed Elliott (4703), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Feddersen (4823), Bob Fritz (4583), Robert Gibson (4585), Mel Harner (4501), Carl Hegge (6234), Jim Lawson (10748), Tom Lindholm (4734), Bob Lisenby (29795), Don Lyon (6575), Boris Meneghelli (3522), Herbert (Pinky) Meredith (3664), George Moore (10565), Lou Netza (7655), Joe Nieznalski (5014), Ray Palaszewski

(6934), Bill Regan (1681), Dale Rickards (3593), Bob Schneider (3677), Cliff Shannon (2370), Dustin Splaine (7183), Stuart Stremsterfer (4394), Jim Trax (6185), Clark Wardle (7584), and Earl Wells (6297).

This was the first time Bill Regan attended one of our luncheons. Bill is a real old timer as he went on the Department in 1937 and retired in 1962.

Our annual BBQ on October 21st will be history and those of you that did not attend missed a great time visiting with old friends and I will list the attendees in the next issue.

If you are not already aware of the new Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association Web site, I am including it here and it is www.larfps.org. There are links to the Valley Retired Blues as well as the other retired groups.

If there are any retired Valley officers not able to attend our meetings that have information of interest to officers attending our meetings, just send me a note to my e-mail address below.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month, call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you have any questions.

SABLA

by Bernie Remas

Thanksgiving Day 2001

Our annual holiday of Thanksgiving is here for the year 2001. How do we start in giving thanks for the tragic day of events on September 11, 2001?

As I sit here in my safe haven in Roseville, I really haven't adjusted to the way I feel in my mind and my heart. Lots of conflicts there. This is going to be tough! But I can give thanks.

I believe I should be writing something articulate about patriotism, and fighting evil, and those kinds of things! Writings like something Charlie Reese would write. But my audience for this article is people like yourself who

already espouse patriotism, and fight a daily battle against evil, and use great judgment in separating good from bad, and do it with purpose and with integrity. We are more than just brothers and sisters of LAPD! And for that, I can give thanks. Can you too?

We have always been dedicated, loyal, true blue. We are that kind of people.

In Los Angeles, we have often fought side-by-side against domestic terrorism. Our military brothers have taught us well in that regard. Now we will have to maintain that skill at a higher level than ever before.

And that we will do. And for that, I can give thanks. Can you too?

I hope and pray that you will be able to do the same.

Dates to Remember

November

November 3	Police Expo @ L.A. County Fairgrounds	1000	
November 3	Northwest Coast Blueknights BBQ		
November 7	Sharyn Gunter	1130	
November 8	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
November 16	"Fight for Life" Boxing Event	1800	
November 16	Steven Keyser	1200	
November 21	Valley Retired Blues	1100	
November 29	Randy Cochran	1800	
November 30	LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet	1700	1800

December

December 1	Metro Mounted Unit Bacon & Scrambled Leggs Race		
December 6	Jerry Jones and Kathlene Heinbruch	1730	
December 7	Prescott Area Christmans Party	1800	
December 19	Valley Retired Blues	1100	

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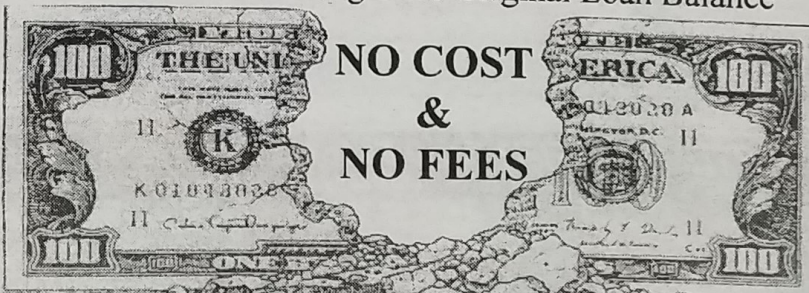
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RETIREMENT NEWS

Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

9-1-1 or 9-11-01, a Different Emergency Call!

On 9-11-01 the Amtrak eastbound Sunset Limited had just pulled out of San Antonio enroute to New Orleans with my family and me on board. As we completed breakfast, the waitress asked if we had heard anything about a plane crashing into the World Trade Center in New York City. Since there was no radio or TV aboard that I was aware of, we all assumed that as sad as that was that was all that it was, an unfortunate airline accident.

As a NYC born and raised genuine native, I related that around July, 1945, an Army Air Force B-25 medium bomber, the same kind of plane that Gen. Jimmy Doolittle bombed Tokyo with soon after Pearl Harbor, had, after being lost in the fog, crashed into the 79th floor of another NYC landmark (and at that time the world's tallest structure), the Empire State Building. The building sustained minimum damage and loss of life but held together like a champ.

Arguably the most famous of all buildings stood tall and tough as it continued to provide homes for NYC's famous high altitude pigeons as well as Clark Kent and King Kong. Since we had all been to the W.T.C. several times (what a view!), we finished our super dining car breakfast very secure in the knowledge that as big, strong and formidable as the W.T.C. towers were, they, like the E.S.B., would be around for a long, long time.

But about 20 minutes later, as our 12-car all sleeper, gleaming stainless steel beauty was flying across the desert at about 90 mph, we noticed that it was gradually slowing down and sure enough it rolled to a stop. The look on everyone's face was the same—what is this always slowing down stopping business? Are we going to load cattle, alligators, jack rabbits, cactus or what?

And then somewhat as if he had heard the silent question on every passenger's mind, our conductor's pride of the Alamo, distinctive drawl, came twanging out of the P.A. system with an F.Y.I. bulletin. He let "us all" or "y'all" as the case may be, know that several freight trains needed to pass and they make their bucks on freight not passengers so we would be stopped for a bit. Since we had been doing 90 per, I thought to myself that these freights must be rocket-propelled but what the heck, they do everything big in Texas. Maybe we should take on a couple of hitchhikers while we are sitting around waiting and waiting, but at least the A/C is working great. We were just about to wander down to the club car for a couple of tall, cool whatever when Davy Crockett's voice came floating through the airwaves again to inform us that there seemed to be too many passengers for the amount of allowable luggage, or vice versa, but if we would be so kind as to stand by our luggage with some picture I.D., we could make some use of our time until the two freights passed by. Well now, that was sort of a big but suspicious request but what the heck, they do things big in Texas, right?

Figuring it'd be just my luck that they'd run out of cold Pepsi or Sarsaparilla by the time I could get back to the club car, I tried to figure out a Plan B as I very quickly made my way to where our luggage was stored. Holy Mackerel, partner! As I glanced out a side window I spied an unmarked cop type vehicle with about four or five what passes for suits out here, in it. They all bailed out of their vehicle and headed for the baggage car at the front of the train, and I never saw hide nor hair of them again. I'm thinking wow, they even stop trains down here to make a bust. This must be a really big drug or smuggling caper and I don't even have so much as a sling shot. But what the heck, they really, really do everything big in Texas!

Retirement Corner

Rank	Name	Serial No.	Division	No. of Years
D-II	Robert J. Womack	20387	Devonshire	28
P-III+1	Randy K. Cochran	20608	Southwest	27
P-III	Gregory S. Greeley	21089	West Valley	26
D-I	William "Billy" Berndt	21652	Devonshire	25
D-III	Patricia A. Corso	22816	OCVD	20
D-III	Ellen D. Camarillo	23107	Harbor	20

6 of L.A.'s finest for a total of 146 years of service.

After two hours, needless to say, the two freights never showed up, the "fuzz," whoever they were, departed empty-handed and we resumed toot tooting our way eastbound. Booorrring. Willie Nelson was right. All you see is "the graveyards of rusting automobiles." And to continue that song one line further, none of us knew what was about to be in store for many of us, especially those Americans who weren't on the train. "GOOD MORNING, AMERICA, HOW ARE YOU?..."

A super irate little buzzsaw of a lady who could have passed for Mammy Yokum (thanx, Al Capp) if she had been smoking a pipe, cornered the conductor and began giving him the third degree about why we had stopped and what about all that applesauce re: the nonexistent freight trains. I wasn't there when he backed up and then blurted out that he was just about to notify everyone that a couple of airliners had been hijacked and crashed into the World Trade Center and now you know the rest of the story!

Holy Toledo, radios appeared like magic and we all listened to the awful truth as we stood there devastated. It was a sneaky Pearl Harboresque tragedy all over again with the same types of cowards, sneaks and bullies. What else can be said to lessen the sorrow of the families that lost their precious loved ones? Not much except to continue to pray and ask for the Lord's guidance. But for the blessed grace of God it could be LAPD, LAFD and our great city that lies battered, badly bruised and regaining our feet after being down for an eight-count. There were tales of "other terrorists" supposedly heading for L.A. whose plans were foiled by who knows what. Perhaps it was a vigilant airport guard, an alert baggage x-ray operator, a hard look by someone that they mistook for a cop, a probing question. Who knows what or where but we were spared the experience of enduring the unendurable. And since we were, we must be in the forefront of those who will be defending and rebuilding the land of freedoms might, where opportunity indeed does abound and occasionally it does seem that the streets are made of gold. Donate blood or money, contribute

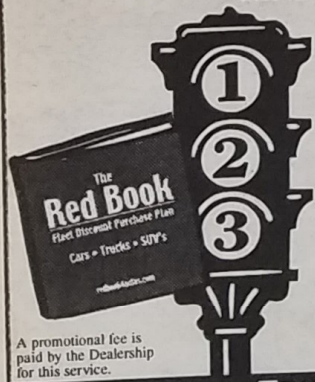
whatever you can to this "war effort" and by your example lead others to do the same. As I close this column tonight, Oct. 7th, the news is good as we go after the "bad guys." I pray that our casualties are few and that by the time of our next column in November, "Bush's Boys" will have taken care of business. And like my old Newton Street buddy, **Bill Gailey** used to say as we put the long, strong arm of the law on particularly combative, obnoxious arrestees, "It's night-night time." Hear that, Bin Ladin? It's *your* "night-night time" comin'!

By the way, give an attabooy to the full-blooded Irishmen. They did catch two terrorists on an Amtrak train on that fateful day. But they were heading into and not out of San Antonio. Nevertheless, as another old Newtonite, **Bill Swihart**, used to say, *caught* is caught!

Big congrats to the 19 Old Blue team members who showed up for our first meeting of the year at Griffith Park. We still need a couple more runners to fill the ranks for each of the TWO teams we are going to enter at the Scorpion Relay Race at Bonelli Park on Saturday, 11-10-01 at 9:00 a.m. Since that's also the Marine Corps birthday, we are looking for a few former Marines to run in dress blues and tennis shoes. We may, may I say, have a gratuitous barbecue for the troops. Workin' on additional info? Call co-captains **Chuck McTaggart** at 661-799-9861 or **Mel Sandvig** at 818-706-0727, or at work 323-856-5769. Welcome back to **Mike Arroyo** who retired from DARE and signed a mighty big contract with Old Blue. Welcome aboard, Mike. Anyone who would like to run or just hang out with Old Blue runners come on out to our monthly meet which is always on the first Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in Griffith Park at the Park Rangers HQ on Crystal Spring Road. C-U there on November 4th, rain or shine. Almost forgot to give a big attabooy to **Bruce Hoover** who ran with us even though he has just gotten out of a cast from a Motocross broken shoulder. Mr. Metro, you are AWESOME, as usual!

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The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

All of us have been experiencing various feelings about the 9-11-01 attack on America. There has been shock, anger, sorrow, frustration, and sadness, just to name a few. These feelings seem to flounder like ships caught in a hurricane, until they finally come into port and drop anchor on a single theme that shows what we Americans are made of-RESOLVE! It will take some time,

also prayed for our country and its leaders to give them strength and wisdom to lead our people through these difficult times. We donated a sizeable gift to the New York Fraternal Order of Police along with a letter showing our strong support of their efforts. **Tom Swinger** led us in singing, "American the Beautiful." All of us are now realizing how our lives have been changed by this attack on our freedoms. We are a united America. We have now come together. Thank God!



(L-R): Priscilla & Charlie LaFitte and Max & Billie McAlpine.

but we will win this war. We have no choice if we want to pass on to our loved ones the valued freedoms that we have taken for granted too long.

At our annual auction, held last September 20th, the Fuzz Group gathered to enjoy our camaraderie. Over sixty of us attended the luncheon at Rosa's Italian Restaurant in Pismo Beach. We began with a moment of silence for the victims, families and friends who suffered so much on that horrible September day. We said a special prayer for those heroic New York firefighters, police officers and rescue personnel who have worked frantically and struggled to bring some comfort to those who have suffered so much. We

After great Italian cuisine, we auctioned off the gifts that our members had brought. Tom Swinger was our valiant auctioneer and did a great job. Tom was assisted by **Sam Lopez** and yours truly. There were some real battles back and forth in an effort to ensure they won their chosen prize. It was all in fun and we enjoyed the wonderful food and friendship. After it was over, Tom was a little hoarse, but he held up well.

Those in attendance included **Dave & Claudia Bannister, Frank & Flo Beeson, Walter Boronich & Marion Yates, Freeman & Nellie Calvert, Joe & Myrl Cornwell, Bob & Marilyn Carnell, Roy Eker, Harold Epling & Helen Coulter, Clinton Erickson** (Valley Retired Blues) & **Frances Davidson, Brian & Cathy Galbraith, Guy & Pat Hogue, Helen Kidder, Gerd & Nancy Konieczny, Marty & Corinne Jefferson, Charles & Priscilla LaFitte, Brad & Fay Lamdin, Sam & Paulette Lopez, Dorthy Landgraf, Stella Mattson** (husband, Paul, was down and out with the flu), **Jerry & Paula May, Max & Billie McAlpine, Bob & Joanne McSeveney, Patty O'Leary-Ganesemer** and guest,



Front (L-R): Jeff & Melissa Watkins; Back: Tom Zwinger and Gourney Turner.



Front (L-R): Bud & Judi Lewallen and John Pearson; Back: Nancy & Gerd Konieczny.

Mary Sharpnack, John Pearson, Robert & Aileen Rackerby and guest, **Nancy Imbach, Lucy Salls, Allen Schlocker & Sammie McHenry,**

who resides in Hesperia. Gourney and Jeff Watkins were overheard swapping a few greenie tales.

Several members who could not attend



(L-R): Al Schlocker, Sammy McHenry, Marilyn & Bob Darnell.

Warren & Muriel Sizoo, Bob & Carole Velek (who had the best leather jacket, displaying a large American flag) and guests, **Bud & Judi Lewallen**, who came in from Placerville to be with us. **Jeff** (now fully retired) & **Melissa Watkins**, along with **Dorie Zwinger** and **Judy Aikins** rounded out the group. A special guest was former motor cop **Gourney Turner**, a spry 87-year-old

sent donations that will help defray expenses for our Christmas party at the Madonna Inn in December. They included **Joe & Taylor Hilden, Bill & Susana Selesky** and **Fred & Sharline Tuggey**. Several members gave additional donations while at the luncheon. Thanks folks.

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RETIREMENT NEWS

LAPD Wine Country BBQ: September 29, 2001

by Bernie Remas

It's over for another year! All of you had your chance! I keep reminding all of you out there, young and old, retired or not. If you don't come to Sonoma for the LAPD Wine Country BBQ, you've missed a premier event! And to top that off, you miss the best one-day LAPD get-together all year long!

The BBQ is over for this year. The

came up from the south, Newbury Park. But he gave me some new news. They liked NorCal so much they've bought a new home in Del Webb's Lincoln, California, enclave. I should say they've chosen one, and now they get to watch it get built. It'll be beautiful. Ben says the home should be ready just after the first of the year. Don't forget, Ben, you gotta join SABLA when you get here!

Now some LAPD retirees that came



LAPD Basketball Champs from 1959! Ron Kiser, Dick King & Jim Williamson. "3 of the 14 on the team were here."

pizza slice appetizers are gone. The steaks and chicken are gone. All the chili beans and salad are gone. All the ice cream cones are gone! All the beer and MOST of the wine is gone. ALL the wine is never gone! All the beautiful and expensive raffle prizes are gone!

And for **Ron & Marilyn Kiser**, who live there, thankfully all the people are gone!! Just kidding! But those of you that did come, you made the event one of



Virginia Pickering to friend Tom — "Have you seen my husband, Al?"

the best ever!

One of the "second-timers" (he was here last year) I met was an old 77th veteran, **Ben Rendahl** and his wife. They

a long way to see this BBQ. Like **Charlie Duke** and **Stan McGarry** from Dayton, Nev., **Stan Fea** from Tujunga, and **Rex Shields** from Montrose. And a whole group of ex-77th Streeters—**George Surber**, **Mac Candlish** from Henderson, NV, **Ralph Lucke** from Chino Hills, and **Bill Leitz** up from Covina.

Also saw **Lina Robertson** and ex-Metro retiree **John Robertson** who is definitely out of shape after three months in Italy. Lina's mother's family and friends showed John how to eat pasta and keep the weight ON! But he looks great and did a fine job cooking steaks and chicken!

But **Jeff** and **Ann Kiser** were there with Jeff helping out on the hayride through the vineyard to visit with **Angelo Sangiacomo**. The man definitely knows his wine! And shared it with at least three groups of ex-LAPDers that took the hayride!

Another surprise was seeing **Lou Monico** and his wife, **Jean**, back for a second year in a row! Lou was up from San Marcos as was **Jack Motta** from Las Vegas, **Jon Turner** of Palm Desert, **Dan Shepard** from Fullerton and **Dave Weld** from Long Beach. **Roger Williams** was back for another year. He's always here to give a hand! There is sure a lot of us still living



Curtis Edwards and friend next to Max and Hjeih-Hjeih Hurlbut.

in California, isn't there? How come we didn't see you here?? Some other names of those here were mentioned in last month's *Blue Line*. Hope we got everybody!

And, oh yes, before I forget. Ron Kiser has a horseshoe tournament here every year. It has been pretty much recognized that **Alex Shearer** and his wife **Ginger** run the horseshoes each year. Well, this year Alex, as many of you know, has had some medical problems recently and could not make it. We missed you, Alex and Ginger. But not to worry about the tournament, Alex. **Carl Kuehn** from Elk Grove took over the job and did admirably.

But the same "old thing" happened! Ron Kiser won again!

Only this time instead of Alex, Ron had recruited and trained his son Jeff to play. We were hoping that the host would let someone else win—for a change! We did have some new challengers this year that need your support for next year. Ron Reuser and Bob Espinosa came in second this year!

I mentioned the hayride but this is not the traditional horse and wagon type of ride. This ride is on the bed of an old 1919 Italia truck that the Kisers own. No room for me on top, so I rode with Ron in the front seat!! Got to the vineyard OK and another taste of Sonoma red wine. This Italia truck is one of only 20 that were built to be used in the vineyards. This one is #10! It's a "ten" all right! Ron doesn't know where the other 19 are these days.

The food this year was stupendous! The steaks and chicken were delicious! I saw a lot of "doggie bags" going home cause the portions were so huge.

Saw some other names you might recognize of ex-LAPDers such as **Tom Santiago** from Concord, **Mike Anisman** from Clear Lake Oaks and **Roland Phillips** from Coleville. And an old SWAT guy, **Jesse Givens** from

Riverside. Does he look good! Could easily do another 20! **Al Bollinger** from Big Bear City made another trip up north on his motor this year. He was near here in the spring for a SABLA luncheon in Sacramento.

You should have been there for the raffle. The display looked like something from a gourmet wine store! Everything wrapped. Boxes with custom made labels—"Los Angeles Police Department," with the date, and replica of our badge! Beautiful! The table with **Dennis McDonald** and his lady friend, **Julie Duey**, took more than their share. It was legit, but my oh my did they win! Other SABLA guys there were **Bob Markussen**, **Nate Iannone**, **Bill &**



Ron Kiser driving the 1928 Italia truck used for the hayrides.

Muriel McMonagle, **Tom & Jeanne Vigen**, and **Jim Bird**. These were winning some too.

And Ron wanted us to give a special thank you to **Fred Cline** of Cline Wineries. Anytime you see Cline wines, white or red, buy them. You cannot go wrong! Fred was busy this year and couldn't come by. A great guy, and a large supporter of these BBQs!

That's a "wrap" for this year. This is truly a great "happening" each year and you make it better with your support. Ron & Marilyn Kiser, "thank you" for your continued support.

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Inland Northwest 2001 Blue Line Reunion

by Richard Shedd

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters from the beautiful Inland Northwest! On September 21, 92 retired members, spouses and/or guests got together for a rip-roaring good time at

the local Elks Lodge, courtesy of Jerry Sparks, an Elk trustee and retired fellow officer. Many traveled from far away such as: Tommy Thomson from Prescott, Arizona, Dick and Maryann Wright from Simi Valley, Steve Smith from Oakland, Bob and Carol Leahy

from Palmdale, John Peretta from Nevada, Arv and Jean Keidser, Gabe and Robin Ornelas and Bob and Marti Mott from western Washington, Tony Malley from Montana and many more too numerous to mention. Although the horseshoe tournament had to be short-

ened because of darkness, everyone that participated had a real good time. Winner by drawing was Dan Figueroa and his date. The raffle prizes were well received and some of the winners included Gene McCloskey, John Sack, Kent Setty, Chris Arce, Mike Lukasiak (who donated a night's stay at his bed and breakfast in Harrison, Idaho), Robbie Robinson, Werner Kremples and Bob Hagenbaugh (who won several prizes) and many others. Jessica Shedd did a super job of rounding up donations for the raffle. It was unanimously voted upon to donate this year's proceeds to the family members of those police officers who fell in the line of duty at the World Trade Center. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have retired and live in one of the most beautiful corners of the United States are proud to be associated with the profession who performed so gallantly during the disaster in New York City. We look forward to next year's reunion and are committed to make the next one even better. We welcome all of you to come join us.



FRONT ROW (L-R): Tony Malley, Marie Malley, Jerry Sparks, John Sack, Kent Setty, Mike Murphy, John Vradenburg, Dale Baker; **2ND ROW:** Mike Lukasiak, Gail Coutts, Robbie Robinson, Arno Moyens, Larry Clark, Bob David, Henry Lane, Bud Arce, Bob Mott, Frank Heckl, Gene McCloskey, John Peretta, Werner Kremples, Mike Hrehour, Dan Figueroa, Bob Hagenbaugh; **3RD ROW:** Dave Welts, Buster Altizer, Richard Zielinski, John Preston, Sherry Peasha, Chris Smith, Richard Shedd, Steve Thomson, Dave Daniels; **4TH ROW:** Dick Wright, Gabe Ornelas, Pete Clemens, Bob Guzman, Don Marine, Jim Peasha, Arv Keidser, Gary Redel, Mo Kolb, Steve Kolb, Bob Leahy, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Schadel, Chuck Smith.

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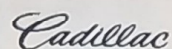
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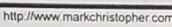
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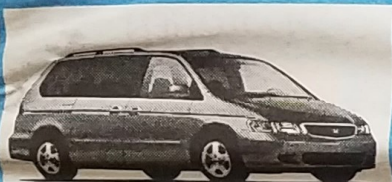
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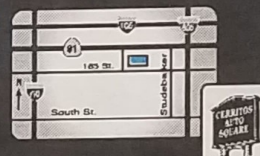
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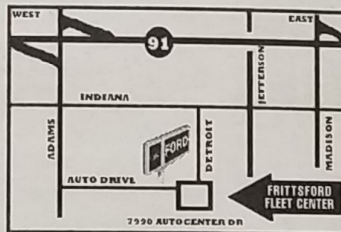
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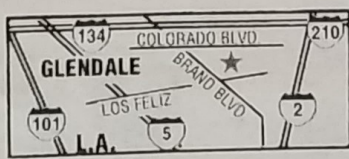
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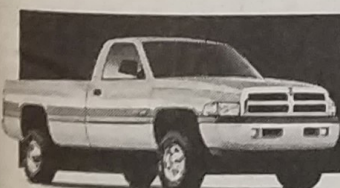
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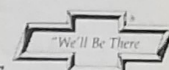
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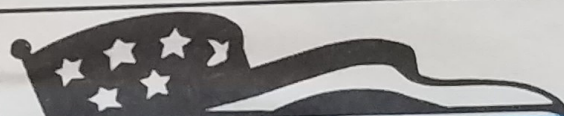
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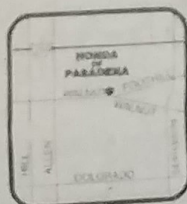
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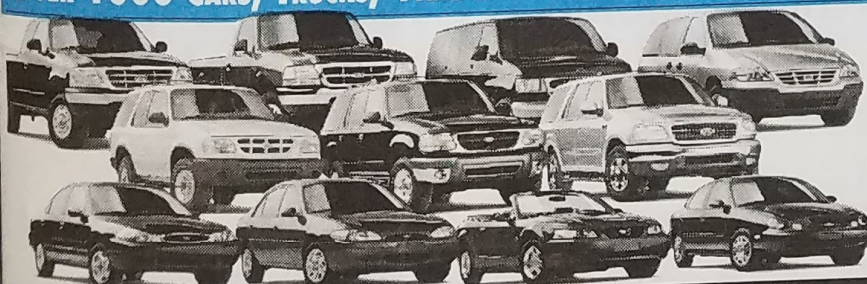
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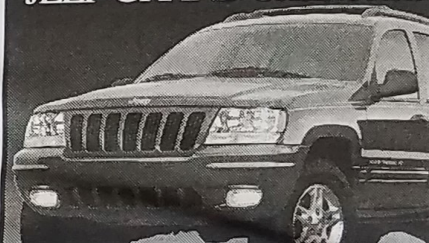
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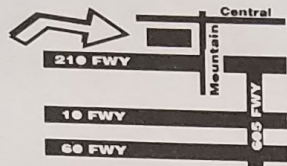
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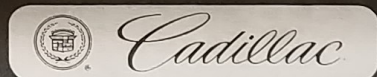
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